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CITIZENS FOR SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS A Project of People for Parks

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACT OF 1992

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act will provide \$540 million to improve, preserve, and restore park, beach and open space lands and recreation facilities throughout Los Angeles County. The measure includes funds to improve neighborhood and regional parks, prevent gangs, plant trees in urban areas, restore rivers, build trails, develop senior recreation and protect wildlife and natural lands. This measure is on the November 1992 county ballot.

Restore and Expand Parks, Recreation, Beaches and Natural Lands

The Los Angeles County Safe Parks Act includes funds for over 100 specific park, beach, recreation and open space projects throughout the county. The act will:

- Provide safe parks for children to play in
- Reduce gang activity by providing recreation alternatives for at-risk youth
- Improve water quality in Santa Monica Bay
- Preserve threatened natural areas in mountains and canyons
- Develop and improve senior recreation facilities
- Plant trees and restore rivers and streams
- Protect wildlife
- Improve old and build new sports facilities
- Improve Los Angeles County beaches and public access

Provide Safe Places for Our Children to Play

Our children deserve to have safe parks to play in. The Safe Parks Act will improve existing parks and build new recreation facilities, ballfields and sports centers. We can help reduce gang activity by providing recreation alternatives for at-risk youth, who otherwise have no options other than the streets and gangs.

Improve our Quality of Life

Safe parks, clean beaches and accessible recreation facilities are vital to our quality of life in Los Angeles County. We need quiet places to go to escape from the traffic, smog and crowds we face every day. We need to act now if we hope to set aside some of our remaining natural lands so our children can enjoy them in the future. With a population rapidly surpassing nine million, we must act now to provide park and recreation opportunities for our children, seniors and families.

Invest in Our Communities

At a cost to the typical homeowner of about \$1 per month, the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act is a wise investment in our communities. The measure will be funded through an assessment on property in the county. Funds generated by the measure will be spent in every city in the county.



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PROPOSITION A: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACT OF 1992

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

COUNTYWIDE REGIONAL PROJECTS Proposition A will provide funding for the following county park and recreation project	\$257.36 million ets:
PER PARCEL FUNDS Funds to all cities and the county for local park and recreation needs. COUNTY BEACHES AND HARBORS Acquire, develop, restore facilities to enhance beaches and public access. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION Acquire, develop, rehabilitate regional parks, recreation and natural lands.	\$75 million \$30 million \$5 million
COUNTYWIDE COMPETITIVE FUNDS: - Trails: Acquire and develop hiking, bike, horse and handicapped access trails throughout the county. - Senior Facilities: Develop and restore senior citizen recreation facilities throughout the county. - Tree-planting: Plant trees in public places throughout the county for urban beautification projects. - Rivers: Improve and restore natural habitat and develop recreational resources along rivers.	\$5 million \$5 million \$5 million \$5 million
GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM: -Graffiti Prevention Competitive Funds: Remove graffiti; restore park and public facilities At-risk youth facilities: Build regional youth service facilities for gang prevention purposes.	\$5 million \$12 million
GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY Restore infrastructure, improve handicapped access and construct education center.	\$18 million
HANDICAPPED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS Improve all county parks to meet the American Disabilities Act. HIGHLAND-CAMROSE BUNGALOWS	\$1.46 million
Renovate bungalows for park and rec. programs; develop picnic areas. HOLLYWOOD BOWL Rehabilitate facilities, replace aging infrastructure, improve public	\$5 million
access and facilities in accordance with the Hollywood Bowl Master Plan. LOS ANGELES ZOO	\$25 million

Develop and rehabilitate zoo in accordance with the Los Angeles Zoo Master Plan.

MOUNTAINS AND CANYONS	\$23 million
Acquire lands in mountains and canyons throughout the county. RIVER CORRIDORS, TRAILS	\$5 million
Restore rest stops, landscaping and resource protection along rivers in the county. SANTA MONICA BAY	\$4 million
Improve water quality, reduce pollutants and toxicity in the Santa Monica Bay	
SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITIES Improve county senior citizen recreation facilities.	\$3.4 million
Improve county senior extrem recreation recreation	
METRO LOS ANGELES/SOUTH EAST COUNTY	\$89.48 million
BELL: VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	\$.4 million
Renovate recreation facilities, ball fields, lighting, and picnic areas. CERRITOS PARK	\$2.5 million
Rehabilitate gym, lake and picnic areas at this regional park.	
CUDAHY: LUGO PARK	\$1.33 million
Expand playground, construct baseball diamonds, picnic shelters, community cente EAST COMPTON SWIMMING POOL	r. \$1.2 million
Construct 25 meter pool and bath house in this densely-populated area.	\$1.2 mmon
EAST LOS ANGELES PARKS	\$4 million
Improve community buildings, ballfields, picnic and play areas in East L.A. parks. ELYSIAN PARK	\$2.2 million
Develop 15-acre greenbelt, improve stream, pond and picnic areas. EXPOSITION PARK	\$24 million
Replace swim facility; develop ballfields, walkways, and park facilities;	
acquire additional parklands; improve security lighting, landscaping and public acc	ess.
GARDENA: WILLOW WETLANDS WILDLIFE PRESERVE	\$.85 million
Restore natural wetlands, develop public access.	¢5:11:
HANCOCK PARK	\$5 million
Outdoor garden development including access, landscaping and security improvem KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA	\$12 million
Acquire land, develop picnic areas and trails, expand lake.	
LA MIRADA PARK	\$2.5 million
Rehabilitate fishing lake, picnic areas, day-use facilities, campground facilities, par	king.
L.A. HOUSING AUTHORITY RECREATION FACILITIES	\$4.7 million
Restore sites, playgrounds; develop community centers.	\$12.7 million
L.A. URBAN IMPACT PARKS Restore local recreation facilities located in low-income communities.	\$12.7 mmon
LYNWOOD: DYMALLY PARK	\$1.55 million
Develop soccer stadium, baseball diamond, teen center, picnic areas, tennis courts	•
MAGIC JOHNSON REC. AREA	\$1 million
Improve picnic, lake and play areas; security and parking facilities.	
MONTEBELLO: SPORTS/SENIOR COMPLEX	\$1.47 million
Construct swim facility, gym and senior center.	\$3.5 million
PAN PACIFIC PARK Develop and restore facilities, including community center, picnic areas, and restr	
PICO RIVERA: ACTIVITY CENTER/GYM	\$2.05 million
Develop an activity center with meeting rooms and a gym.	

Construct seni	TE: SENIOR RECREATION BUILDING ior building with expanded senior recreation space. JNTY PARKS	\$.9 million
Develop build	lings, ballfields, picnic areas at parks in South Central and East L.A.	
SOUTH BAY	Y/SOUTH COUNTY: \$.	38.41 million
	COMMUNITY-SENIOR CENTER ter at Apollo Park to provide recreation space.	\$1.86 million
FRIENDSHII	PPARK	\$4 million
HAWTHORN	or and interpretive center, camping areas; expand picnic and play are NE: YOUTH CAMP LODGE	eas. \$.5 million
HAWTHORN	ional youth camp lodge in the San Gabriel Mountains. NE: EUCALYPTUS REC. COMPLEX child care center, and senior facilities.	\$1 million
LAKEWOOD	ball, tennis, and soccer facilities.	\$.9 million
	D: MCCORMICK POOL	\$.85 million
LONG BEAC	cers, pool equipment, lighting and fencing, and picnic areas. CH: EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK	\$6.2 million
LONG BEAC	ields, playground, jogging trail, and parking. CH: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK ol enclosure for year-round swimming.	\$1 million
LONG BEAC	CH: WESTSIDE PARK ACQUISITION and in densely populated, underserved area.	\$11.46 million
PALOS VER	DES ESTATES: COASTAL ACCESS	\$1.47 million
RANCHO PA	mprove land for access, trails, open space. ALOS VERDES: PENINSULA NATURAL LANDS al lands and wildlife habitat.	\$4.34 million
ROLLING H	ILLS ESTATES: PENINSULA WILDLIFE HABITAT fe habitat and open space lands.	\$1.47 million
	: MADRONA MARSH	\$1.5 million
TORRANCE	ona Marsh Nature Preserve and develop natural history center. : CHARLES H. WILSON PARK weight room and swim facilities.	\$1.86 million
COASTAL:	9 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$34.59 million
COMBANA		φυτών militon
	ATERFRONT lon Waterfront, including beach and public access improvements.	\$2.48 million
HARBOR W.		\$2.7 million
HERMOSA I	BEACH PIER	\$1.5 million
HERMOSA (including increased seating, vista points, public access and fishing are GREENBELT to create a Greenbelt for jogging, walking and open space enjoymer	\$2.48 million

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LONG BEACH: BELMONT PIER	\$1 million
Rehabilitate Belmont Pier, renovate fishing facilities and public access.	
MALIBU: BLUFFS PARK	\$.3 million
Renovate and improve ballfields.	64
MALIBU: CIVIC CENTER PARK	\$1 million
Develop trails, restore wetlands, enhance lagoon. MANHATTAN BEACH: PARKWAY PARK	\$1.47 million
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Improve trail and plant trees along two-mile linear strip. MANHATTAN BEACH: PIER	\$.5 million
Repair pier and improve Oceanographic Teaching Station.	ψ.5 mmon
RANCHO PALOS VERDES: POINT VICENTE PARK	\$2.48 million
Develop 99-acre park site on tip of Palos Verdes Peninsula.	ψω, το mimon
REDONDO BEACH: PIER AND HARBOR	\$3.22 million
Reconstruct pier; develop Moonstone Park; renovate Seaside Lagoon.	
SANTA CATALINA ISLAND INTERPRETIVE CENTER	\$.5 million
Expand infrastructure and develop displays in center.	· • ·
SANTA MONICA BEACHES	\$1.86 million
Rehabilitate Santa Monica State Beach, public access, public facilities and parking	•
SANTA MONICA: PALISADES PARK	\$3.1 million
Improve Palisades Park from pier to northern city limit.	
VENICE BEACH AND PIER	\$10 million
Restore pier, rec. center, Ballona Lagoon, walkway and park along Venice Beach	
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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TO PASADENA:	\$39.37 million
AGOURA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER	\$39.37 million \$1.41 million
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PASADENA: DEVIL'S GATE	\$1.86 million
Develop 350-acre recreational area and protect wildlife habitat. PASADENA: LOWER ARROYO SECO RECREATION AREA	\$1.47 million
Restore park site and preserve natural lands. PASADENA: SENIOR FACILITY	\$2.48 million
Develop a senior facility in Pasadena. RIM OF THE VALLEY PARKS & TRAILS	\$6 million
Acquire and develop trails & parks in the mountains around this Valley.	ao minion
SEPULVEDA BASIN	\$4.7 million
Restore wildlife habitat preserves and develop park and recreation facilities.	48.8
EAST COUNTY/SAN GABRIEL VALLEY:	\$56.72 million
ALHAMBRA: GRANADA PARK SWIM COMPLEX	\$1.1 million
Reconstruct regional pool complex. AZUSA: SLAUSON PARK POOL	\$1.4 million
Develop new pool, bath house, multi-purpose room, lighting and fencing.	Ф1.7 лиши
BONELLI REGIONAL PARK	\$1.5 million
Rehabilitate picnic, restroom, camping and lake areas.	
BREA HEIGHTS PARK	\$4.5 million
Develop 28 acres, including picnic areas, jogging trails, and ballfields. COVINA: WINGATE PARK	\$2.05 million
Develop roller/street hockey rinks, tennis courts, pond, nature trail, and picnic	
DIAMOND BAR: PANTERA PARK Develop appropriate content lighted hellfields, tot let, and pionic area	\$1.47 million
Develop community center, lighted ballfields, tot lot, and picnic area. DUARTE: SCHOOLS SPORTS FACILITIES	\$.6 million
Renovate open space areas, develop ballfields, improve lighting.	
GLENDORA: LA FETRA SENIOR RECREATION CENTER	\$.6 million
Construct a senior recreation facility.	
GLENDORA: WILDLIFE CORRIDOR	\$1.47 million
Acquire critical natural areas and wildlife habitat in the Glendora foothills.	ስ <i>ሮ</i> የነበረ
LA HABRA HEIGHTS: HACIENDA PARK	\$.5 million
Restore and improve gym, equestrian facilities and open space. MONROVIA: CANYON PARK	\$1.38 million
Develop nature center and handicapped access park in mountain area.	VI.SO MIMON
POMONA: GANESHA PARK	\$1.55 million
Renovate picnic areas, community center, parking, trails, pool, playground.	
ROSEMEAD: SENIOR CITIZEN RECREATION CENTER	\$1.47 million
Develop senior recreation facility in the city.	Ma 4 1111
SAN DIMAS: HORSETHIEF CANYON PARK	\$1.1 million
Develop equestrian center, staging area and trails. SAN DIMAS PARK	\$.6 million
Rehabilitate nature center, picnic and day use areas.	ų.o minon
SAN GABRIEL: JEFFERSON GYMNASIUM	\$70,000
Renovate gym.	,
SAN GABRIEL: SMITH PARK POOL	\$30,000
Restore existing pool.	40.40.411
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PARKS	\$3.43 million
Improve ballfields, parking, security, picnic and play areas at park sites.	

SANTA FE DAM REGIONAL PARK	\$4 million
Expand lake; improve picnic areas, parking, security, and campgrounds.	
SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK	\$2.5 million
Improve tennis courts, soccer area, restrooms and general improvements.	66.4 1111
SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAINS	\$3.1 million
Acquire natural lands and wildlife habitat; develop trails and scenic viewpoints.	\$.25 million
WALNUT CREEK Improve picnic areas and rehabilitate parking and public access in this oak wood	-
WHITTIER HILLS	\$16.3 million
Acquire natural lands adjacent to Hellman Park; develop trails, visitor center.	with the state of
WHITTIER NARROWS	\$5.75 million
Rehabilitate and improve heavily-used recreation area.	
NORTH COUNTY/ANTELOPE VALLEY/SANTA CLARITA	\$24.07 million
CASTAIC PARK	\$1.5 million
Rehabilitate picnic, restroom, camping and lake areas.	41.5 mmon
HART PARK	\$.5 million
Rehabilitate picnic grounds, campgrounds, infrastructure, security and lighting.	
LANCASTER: PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE	\$1.86 million
Acquire and preserve unique desert habitat.	
NORTH COUNTY ATHLETIC COMPLEX	\$4.6 million
Acquire and develop sports complex in Castaic.	
NORTH COUNTY PARKS	\$2.4 million
Improve picnic areas, parking and restrooms in parks throughout this county.	A 55
NORTH COUNTY SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS	\$.75 million
Acquire SEAs in the north county area.	e 2:!!!:
NORTH COUNTY TRAILS Acquire and develop trails and throughout the north county.	\$.3 million
PLACERITA CANYON PARK	\$1 million
Acquire buffer area to preserve natural oak/woodland area in existing park.	AT HIMOH
PLUM CANYON	\$.4 million
Improve restroom facilities and picnic areas.	411
SANTA CLARITA: SANTA CLARA RIVER	\$2.48 million
Acquire and develop trail for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.	
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY	\$2.5 million
Acquire canyons and open space in the Santa Clarita Valley.	
SANTA CLARITA WOODLANDS	\$4 million
Acquire wildlife habitat and natural lands within 7,000-acre area.	
TOWSLEY CANYON	\$1 million
Expand lands for park, open space and wildlife habitat.	¢ 75
VAL VERDE PARK Pababilitate pienis areas restroom facilities community building security and li	\$.75 million
Rehabilitate picnic areas, restroom facilities, community building, security and li	gacing.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES INITIATING
PROCEEDINGS FOR FORMATION OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT, FORMING AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT,
AND CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE
OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY
ON NOVEMBER 3, 1992 AND CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL
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As amended March 17, 1992

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WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to benefit property and improve the quality of life in the County of Los Angeles (the "County") through the improvement of neighborhood and regional parks, the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, protection and restoration of beach, wildlife, park and natural lands within the County, tree-planting, gang prevention and intervention, and improvement of recreation facilities for youth and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, creating the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the "District") will help meet the park, recreation, beach and open space needs throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 5506.9 of the California Public Resources Code authorizes the formation of a Regional Park and Open Space District in the County of Los Angeles to be initiated by resolution of this Board of Supervisors of the County (the "Board of Supervisors"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on January 28, 1992 adopted a Resolution of Intention to Commence Proceedings for the Formation of a Regional Park and Open Space District and an Assessment District pursuant to Provisions of Division 5 of the California Public Resources Code and the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Division 15, Part 2, Streets and Highways Code, State of California) (the "Resolution of Intention"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intention fixed March 3, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, Room 381, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California as the time and place for hearing the question of the formation of the District and the assessment district, the list of capital outlay projects and the levy of the proposed assessments; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1992, after the giving of appropriate notice as required by law, a public hearing was held and testimony received; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit to the qualified voters of the County the questions of whether the District shall be created and established and whether assessments shall be levied for the purposes of the District, at a special election to be held November 3, 1992, and to consolidate such election with the General Election to be held on that date;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

Section 1. This order is adopted pursuant to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, and the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and approves the final assessment engineers' report filed with the Executive Officer - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. A special election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County on the 3rd day of November, 1992, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County the questions of (a) creating and establishing the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, (b) levying assessments to fund the purposes of the District, and (c) enacting the order hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. The Proposition for forming the District and levying said assessments shall appear upon the ballot substantially as follows:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION ______. SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, GANG PREVENTION, TREE-PLANTING, SENIOR AND YOUTH RECREATION, BEACHES AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

For the purpose of improving the safety of recreation areas for children and senior citizens, preventing gangs by increasing the safety of neighborhood parks, planting trees and acquiring, restoring and preserving beach, park, wildlife, and open space resources, shall the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District be established and shall assessments be levied to fund the purposes of the District and to benefit property throughout the District, in accordance with the order of the Board of Supervisors?

The Board of Supervisors does hereby submit to the qualified voters of the County, at said special County election, this proposition and this order. The Chairman and Executive officer - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said special election in accordance with Section 2554 of the California Elections Code. Analysis and review of this proposition and order shall be carried out pursuant to Section 3781 of the California Elections Code.

- Section 4. It is the intent of this order and proposition to provide funds to benefit property and improve the quality of life in the District by preserving and protecting the beach, wildlife, park, recreation and natural lands of the District, providing safer recreation areas for all residents, preventing gangs, developing and improving recreation facilities for senior citizens, planting trees, building trails and restoring rivers and streams.
- Section 5. The proposed District shall be known as the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and shall have boundaries coterminous with those of the County.
 - Section 6. The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that:
- (a) The increase in, restoration of and enhanced safety of park, open space and recreation lands and facilities will help maintain sound economic conditions and a high standard of livability in the District by increasing property values, economic activity, employment opportunities and tourism throughout the District.
- (b) Clean and safe parks will increase public safety, help to reduce crime, increase the attractiveness of the District as a place in which to live and locate businesses, and enhance the overall quality of life in the District.
- (c) The development, acquisition, improvement, restoration and maintenance of the public parks, open space, beaches, trails and other public recreational facilities within the proposed District confer a direct and specific benefit to all parcels within the District, including without limitation increased attractiveness, improved environmental quality, enhanced recreational opportunities and increased economic activity, each of which will result in maintained or enhanced property values within the District.
- (d) The protection of beach, wildlife, park, recreation and natural lands are vital to the quality of life in the District, providing important recreational opportunities to all residents of the District, especially children and senior citizens, and helping to protect air and water quality.
- (e) It is critical that we restore and improve neighborhood and regional parks throughout the District, to improve the overall quality of our communities, provide safe places for children to play and alternatives to gangs and gang activities, increase recreation opportunities for senior citizens and provide pleasant places that all District residents can enjoy for relief from traffic and urban congestion.
- (f) The District's beaches are among its' most important natural and economic resources, attracting millions of visitors every year. The District's mountains, foothills, and canyons are a vital part of the regions' natural heritage and are home to hundreds of species of native Californian animals and plants.

- (g) It is a priority to enhance employment and particularly employment of youth to help prevent gangs in the District by using funds from this act to employ youth to work on restoration or rehabilitation projects being carried out in their communities.
 - Section 7. As used in this order, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.
 - "Chief Administrative Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the County.
 - "Community Conservation Corps" means the corps defined in Section 14507.5 of the California Public Resources Code and agencies under contract with the California Conservation Corps pursuant to Section 14406 of the California Public Resources Code.
 - "County" means the County of Los Angeles.
 - "Department of Beaches and Harbors" means the Department of Beaches and Harbors of the County.
 - "Department of Parks and Recreation" means the Department of Parks and Recreation of the County.
 - "Department of Public Works" means the Department of Public Works of the County.
 - "Director of Parks and Recreation" means the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - "District" means the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.
 - "Engineer's Report" means the final assessment engineer's report prepared by BSI Consultants, Inc. and Willdan Associates and adopted pursuant to this order.
 - "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" means Part 2 (commencing with Section 22500) of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
 - "National Park Service" means the National Park Service of the United States of America.
 - "Natural lands" means an area of relatively undeveloped land which (a) has substantially retained its characteristics as provided by nature or has been substantially restored, or which can be feasibly restored to a near-natural condition, and which derives outstanding value from its wildlife, scenic, open space, parkland or recreational characteristics, or any combination thereof, or (b) meets the definition of open space land in Section 65560 of the California Government Code.
 - "Nonprofit Organization" means any charitable organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which has among its purposes the provision of park and recreation services, gang prevention and intervention, tree-planting, or the conservation and preservation of wetlands or of lands predominantly in their natural, scenic, historical, forested or open-space condition.
 - "Park" means a tract of land with scenic, natural, open-space, or recreational values, set apart to conserve natural, scenic, cultural, historical or ecological resources for present and future generations, and to be used by the public as a place for rest, recreation, education, exercise, inspiration or enjoyment.
 - "Parks Fund" means the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Park Fund created and established in Section 21 (c) of this order.
 - "Public Agency" means any governmental agency established pursuant to the laws of the State of California that is authorized to acquire, develop, improve and restore real property for beach, wildlife, park, recreation, open space or gang prevention and intervention purposes.

"Significant Ecological Area" means a significant ecological area identified in the Significant Ecological Area Report prepared in 1976 for the Department of Regional Planning of the County.

"State Lands Commission" means the Lands Commission of the State of California.

"State Park System" means the system of parks owned or operated by the State of California.

- Section 8. The following funds shall be awarded for the purposes set forth below, in amounts not to exceed the following:
- (a) Two hundred three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$203,150,000) to the County for the acquisition, development, improvement, restoration or rehabilitation of real property for regional beaches, recreational facilities, parks and park safety, gang prevention, senior citizen recreation facilities, wildlife habitat, natural lands or improvement of Santa Monica Bay, in accordance with the following schedule:
- 1. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition, development, improvement, restoration or rehabilitation of park property owned or operated by the County in accordance with the Conservation and Open Space Element of the County General Plan.
- 2. One hundred twenty seven million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$127,150,000) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition, development, improvement, restoration or rehabilitation of real property for parks, recreation, wildlife habitat or natural lands in accordance with the following schedule:
 - A. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for general rehabilitation of park facilities at Bonelli Regional Park.
 - B. Four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) for development of recreation facilities at Brea Heights Park.
 - C. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for acquisition and construction of the Calabasas Recreational Center.
 - D. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for general rehabilitation of Castaic Park.
 - E. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for expansion of and development at the Catalina Island Interpretive Center.
 - F. Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities at Cerritos Park.
 - G. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for rehabilitation at Debs Park.
 - H. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for rehabilitation of park facilities at Dexter Park.
 - I. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for acquisition and development at Eagle Rock.
 - J. One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to construct East Compton Swimming Pool at Rancho Dominguez County Park.
 - K. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for park improvements at the following East Los Angeles Parks: Atlantic Avenue, Belvedere, City Terrace, Obregon, Roosevelt, Salazar, and/or Saybrook.
 - L. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for acquisition in Eaton Canyon.
 - M. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for development of passive park facilities at Friendship Park, including a nature center, interpretive trails and tree-planting.
 - N. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for outdoor park development and improvements at Hancock Park.
 - O. One million four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,460,000) for improvements to county parks to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - P. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for rehabilitation of park facilities at Hart Park.
 - Q. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to renovate and develop for recreational purposes the Highland-Camrose Bungalows.
 - R. Twenty five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$25,500,000) for the development, improvement, restoration and rehabilitation of the Hollywood Bowl in accordance with the approved Hollywood Bowl Master Plan to be implemented by the Hollywood Bowl Foundation.

- S. Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) for acquisition, development and expansion at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.
- T. Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities at La Mirada Park.
 - U. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for improvements at the Magic Johnson Recreation Area.
- V. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for renovation and improvements at Malibu Bluffs Park.
- W. Four million six hundred three thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,603,500) to acquire and develop the North County Athletic Complex in the Castaic area.
- X. Two million four hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,426,500) for improvements to the following North County Parks: Del Valle, Hasley Canyon, Haskell, Loma Alta, North River, Province, Stevenson Ranch, Two Strike Park, and/or Westridge.
- Y. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for acquisition of North County Significant Ecological Areas as identified by the County's Significant Ecological Area Report.
- Z. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for acquisition and development of North County Trails from Santa Clarita to the Palmdale/Lancaster area.
- AA. Three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to develop and restore recreation facilities at Pan Pacific Park.
 - BB. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for expansion of Placerita Canyon Park.
 - CC. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for improvements to facilities at Plum Canyon.
- DD. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for acquisition and development of trails and restoration and protection of natural resources along the Los Angeles River and its' tributaries, including the Rio Hondo, in the area bounded by Glendale Boulevard on the north and the southern boundary of the City of South Gate on the south, in accordance with the provisions in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 11.
- EE. Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for rehabilitation of park facilities in San Dimas Park.
- FF. Three million four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$3,430,000) to upgrade and improve the following San Gabriel Valley Parks: Thomas S. Burton, Countywood, Gunn Ave., Gloria Heer, Carolyn Rosas Park, Trailview, Los Robles, Manzanita, Pepperbrook, and/or Steimson.
 - GG. Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the acquisition of open space land in canyons in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- HH. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for expansion of and improvement to recreation areas at Santa Fe Dam Park.
- II. Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the development and improvement of sports fields and athletic facilities at Schabarum Regional Park.
- JJ. Three million four hundred thousand dollars (\$3,400,000) for improvements to county senior citizen recreation facilities in the following parks: Hart, Basset, Arcadia, Obregon, Salazar, and/or Sorenson.
 - KK. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for expansion of Towsley Canyon Park.
- LL. Five million six hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$5,630,000) to rehabilitate and develop facilities in the following Urban County Parks: Alondra, Bethune, Bodger, Cantanella, Carver, Del Aire, Enterprise, Keller, Ladera, Lennox, Mona, Monteith, Owens, Rogers, and/or Victoria.
- MM. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for rehabilitation of park facilities at Val Verde Park.
- NN. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for public access improvements at Walnut Creek Park.
- OO. Five million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$5,750,000) for development, improvement and rehabilitation of Whittier Narrows Regional Park in accordance with the Whittier Narrows Regional Park Plan.
- 3. Twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for competitive grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations in accordance with the following schedule:
 - A. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for competitive grants for the acquisition and development of land and rights-of-way for walking, hiking, horse, bicycle, and handicapped access trails.

- B. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for competitive grants, in consultation with the Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services, for the development and improvement of senior centers and recreation facilities throughout the District.
- C. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for competitive grants for the planting of trees in urban areas.
- D. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for competitive grants for the restoration, rehabilitation or acquisition of natural lands and the development of recreational resources along the Santa Clara, San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers or their tributaries.
- E. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for competitive grants, in consultation with the Probation Department, for graffiti prevention and restoration of exterior and interior facades at park, recreation and other public facilities. Grants to Nonprofit Organizations shall only be awarded to those organizations with demonstrated experience in graffiti removal and prevention and in employing at-risk youth wherever possible to perform the graffiti prevention and removal and facade restoration work.
- 4. Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for competitive grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations for construction and development of at-risk youth recreation and service facilities throughout the District, with priority given to the South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley areas.
- 5. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for the acquisition, development, or improvement of facilities to enhance and improve public access, and rehabilitation or restoration of existing facilities, at county-owned or operated beaches.
- 6. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the County for capital outlay projects to restore and improve the Santa Monica Bay by measurably reducing the toxicity of and/or pollutant load in urban runoff to the Bay, and in accordance with the criteria in Section 14.
- (b) Two hundred seventy-nine million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$279,850,000) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to public agencies for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation or restoration of real property for parks and park safety, senior recreation facilities, beaches, recreation, wildlife habitat or natural lands in accordance with the following schedule:
- 1. Seventy five million dollars (\$75,000,000) for grants to all incorporated cities within the District on a per parcel basis, including funds on a per parcel basis for the unincorporated area of the County.
- 2. Two hundred four million eighty hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$204,850,000) for direct grants to cities in accordance with the following schedule:
 - A. One million four hundred ten thousand dollars (\$1,410,000) to the City of Agoura Hills for the construction of the Agoura Hills Community Center.
 - B. One million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to the City of Alhambra for the reconstruction of the Granada Park Swim Complex.
 - C. Two million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,480,000) to the City of Avalon for the restoration and improvement of the Avalon waterfront.
 - D. One million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) to the City of Azusa for the development of Slauson Park Community Pool.
 - E. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the City of Bell for renovation of Veterans Memorial Park.
 - F. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of Burbank for the construction of a nature center in Stough Canyon.
 - G. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the City of Calabasas for the construction of the Regional Youth Baseball Facility.
 - H. Two million fifty thousand dollars (\$2,050,000) to the City of Covina for the development of Wingate Park.

- I. One million three hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,330,000) to the City of Cudahy for the expansion of Lugo Park.
- J. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of Diamond Bar for the development of Pantera Park.
- K. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) to the City of Downey for the construction of the Downey Community-Senior Center.
- L. Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the City of Duarte for the development of the Duarte School Sports Facility.
- M. Eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000) to the City of Gardena for the development and restoration of the Willows Wetlands Wildlife Preserve.
- N. Three million three hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$3,330,000) to the City of Glendale in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) for the development of the Freeway Park Sports Complex.
 - ii. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) for development of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, including trails and public access, in the City of Glendale.
- O. Two million seventy thousand dollars (\$2,070,000) to the City of Glendora in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the construction of La Fetra Senior Recreation Center.
 - ii. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) for the acquisition of critical wildlife habitat and natural lands.
- P. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the City of Hawthorne in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to rebuild the Hawthorne Youth Camp Lodge.
 - ii. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the development of the Eucalyptus Recreational Complex.
- Q. Three million nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$3,980,000) to the City of Hermosa Beach in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Two million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,480,000) for the acquisition of the Hermosa Beach Valley Greenbelt.
 - ii. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Hermosa Beach pier and waterfront.
- R. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City of La Habra Heights for the restoration and improvement of Hacienda Park.
- S. One million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) to the City of Lakewood in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000) for the renovation of McCormick Pool.
 - ii. Nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) for development of Mayfair High School Sports Complex.
- T. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) to the City of Lancaster for the acquisition of and development of public access to Prime Desert Woodland Preserve habitat.
- U. Nineteen million six hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$19,660,000) to the City of Long Beach in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Eleven million four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$11,460,000) for Westside Park Acquisition.
 - ii. Six million two hundred thousand dollars (\$6,200,000) for the development of El Dorado Regional Park.
 - iii. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the expansion and development of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.
 - iv. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the development and rehabilitation of Belmont Pier.
- V. Ninety-seven million dollars (\$97,000,000) to the City of Los Angeles in accordance with the following schedule:

i. Two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) for the development of Elysian Park.

ii. Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the replacement of swim and recreation

facilities at Exposition Park.

iii. Eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) for the development, improvement, restoration and rehabilitation of the Griffith Observatory in accordance with the Griffith Observatory Master Plan.

v. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the development of a swim lake and related

facilities at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area.

- v. Two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) for the development of the Harbor Walkway.
- vi. Four million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$4,700,000) for the development, improvement and rehabilitation of Housing Authority recreation facilities.
- vii. Four million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$4,700,000) for the restoration and improvement of Sepulveda Basin wildlife habitat areas and expansion of picnic and sports facilities, including the Hjelte Sports Complex. No less than one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) shall be spent on restoration of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area and the development of a native plant/wildlife area west of the existing wildlife area. viii. Twelve million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$12,700,000) for the development, improvement, restoration and rehabilitation of Urban Impact Parks in accordance with the Urban Impact Park Plan.

ix. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the restoration and rehabilitation of Venice Beach facilities, walkways and trails, the Venice Pier, Ballona Lagoon and Venice Boulevard median improvements in accordance with the Venice Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan.

x. Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the development, improvement and rehabilitation of the Los Angeles Zoo. The funds shall be spent on the site of the Los Angeles Zoo and in accordance with the Los Angeles Zoo Master Plan as approved by the Los Angeles City Board of Recreation and Park Commission.

W. One million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,550,000) to the City of Lynwood for renovations and additions to Dymally Park.

X. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Malibu for acquisition and development of trails, wetland restoration, and lagoon enhancement in the Malibu civic center area.

Y. One million nine hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,970,000) to the City of Manhattan Beach in accordance with the following schedule:

i. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) for the improvement of Parkway Park.

ii. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for repairs to the Pier and improvements to the Oceanographic Teaching Station.

Z. One million three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,380,000) to the City of Monrovia for the development of Canyon Park.

AA. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of

Montebello for the construction of a sports complex/senior facility.

BB. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of Palos Verdes Estates for the acquisition and improvement of land for coastal access, trails, and open space purposes.

CC. Five million eight hundred ten thousand dollars (\$5,810,000) to the City of Pasadena in

accordance with the following schedule:

- i. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) for the development and restoration of Devil's Gate in accordance with the Devil's Gate Master Plan.
- ii. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) for the development and restoration of Lower Arroyo Seco Park in accordance with the Lower Arroyo Seco Park Plan.

iii. Two million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,480,000) for the development of a senior center in the City of Pasadena.

DD. Two million fifty thousand dollars (\$2,050,000) to the City of Pico Rivera for the development of an activity center/gymnasium.

- EE. One million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,550,000) to the City of Pomona for renovations of Ganesha Park.
- FF. Six million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$6,820,000) to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. Two million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,480,000) for development of trails, athletic fields and courts, amphitheatre, interpretive center and senior facilities at Pt. Vicente Regional Park.
 - ii. Four million three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$4,340,000) for the acquisition of critical natural lands and wildlife habitat.
- GG. Three million two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,220,000) to the City of Redondo Beach for the reconstruction of Redondo Beach Pier; development of Moonstone Park; and/or renovation of Seaside Lagoon.
- HH. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for the acquisition of critical natural lands and wildlife habitat.
- II. One million four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,470,000) to the City of Rosemead for the development of a senior recreation facility on Garvey Avenue in the city.
- JJ. One million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to the City of San Dimas for the improvement and development of Horsethief Canyon Park in accordance with the Horsethief Canyon Park Plan.
- KK. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the City of San Gabriel in accordance with the following schedule:
 - Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for restoration of Smith Park Pool.
 - ii. Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for the renovation of Jefferson Gymnasium.
- LL. Two million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,480,000) to the City of Santa Clarita for the acquisition and development of the Santa Clara River Park in accordance with the Santa Clara River Water and Recreation Features Plan.
- MM. Four million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$4,960,000) to the City of Santa Monica in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) to the City of Santa Monica for the restoration and rehabilitation of Santa Monica Beaches.
 - ii. Three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) for improvements to Palisades Park.
- NN. Three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) to the City of Sierra Madre for acquisition of natural lands in foothill areas.
- OO. Nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) to the City of South Gate for additions to the Senior Recreation Building.
- PP. Three million three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$3,360,000) to the City of Torrance in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i. One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the restoration and improvement of the Madrona Marsh in the City.
 - ii. One million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$1,860,000) for the development of Charles H. Wilson Park.
- QQ. Nine million three hundred thousand dollars (\$9,300,000) to the City of Whittier for acquisition of natural lands and development of related facilities in the Whittier Hills.
- (c) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the acquisition of park and open space land, development of related recreation facilities and grants pursuant to Division 23 of the Public Resources Code, including recreational facilities for senior citizens, according to the following schedule:
- 1. An amount not to exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of funds expended pursuant to this subdivision shall be spent within the City of Los Angeles, including expansion of Stony Point Park.
- 2. An amount not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of funds expended pursuant to this subdivision shall be spent outside the City of Los Angeles, including an amount not less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to be spent for acquisition and development in the Santa Clarita Woodlands, and not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to be spent for restoration of wild trout habitat.

- 3. Not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available for grants to Nonprofit Organizations pursuant to Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code.
- 4. Not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be expended for acquisition of land and development of facilities for at-risk youth and gang prevention in conjunction with a community based Nonprofit Organization with a primary focus toward, and demonstrated experience in, programs for at-risk youth and gang prevention. These funds may be expended anywhere within the District in accordance with Section 33207.7 of the Public Resources Code, with priority given to the South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley areas.
- 5. Funds provided to the Conservancy shall be held by the District and disbursed upon application by the Conservancy, to expended solely for projects approved by the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to such criteria as the Board of Supervisors may in its discretion adopt; provided, that the Board of Supervisors may disapprove a project in an incorporated city only upon a finding that the acquisition or improvement of a project will involve the acquisition of or access to a site identified or proposed for present or potential future sanitary landfill purposes by the County, or involve any other land or project which may directly or indirectly hinder or impact the ability of the County to use any site so identified for such purposes. All land acquired in whole or in part with funds allocated to the Conservancy hereunder shall be purchased from willing sellers, and in no event shall funds allocated to the Conservancy hereunder be used to pay or reimburse the purchase price of land acquired through the exercise of the power of eminent domain.
- 6. Not less than seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) shall be expended in the Whittier Hills; prior to the expenditure of such funds the Conservancy shall enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Whittier in order to facilitate the preservation of park and open space lands.
- (d) Seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000) to the California Museum of Science and Industry for land acquisition and improvements within Exposition Park, including an amount not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for development and restoration of lands for park, recreational and open space use, and for walkways, tree-planting and landscape improvements, in accordance with the Exposition Park Master Plan.
- Section 9. (a) All applicants for a grant disbursed pursuant to Section 8 of this order, other than the County, shall submit an application to the Department of Parks and Recreation for grant approval.
- (b) The grant funds authorized pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision (b) of Section 8 of this order shall be allocated to cities which were incorporated on or prior to January 1, 1993 and to the unincorporated area of the District on the basis of their respective total number of parcels of land (all as of January 1, 1993). Such figures shall be determined by the Los Angeles County Assessor.
- shall be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation for approval as to conformity with the requirements of this order. The application shall be accompanied by factual findings from the governing body of the applicant city that the project (or projects) for which the grant is sought is an important park and recreation project (or projects). In order to utilize available grant funds as effectively as possible, adjoining jurisdictions shall be encouraged to combine projects and submit joint applications.
- (d) The minimum amount that an applicant may request for any individual project is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Any agency may allocate all or a portion of its per parcel share to a regional or state project or another neighboring city and all agencies shall be encouraged to form partnerships with school districts for park and recreation purposes.
- (e) Funds made available for grants pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision (b) of Section 8 shall be encumbered by the recipient within three years of the date when such funds are first made available. Beginning with fiscal year 1996-97, any such grant funds that are not accepted by the recipient, or are not encumbered by the recipient within such three-year period, shall be available for award for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section 8 that the Board of Supervisors deems in its sole discretion to be of the highest priority. Upon such award the original recipient of the funds shall have no further claim to the funds.

- (f) Funds made available pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 8 shall be prioritized for heavily-used parks and recreation facilities in areas under-served by such facilities. When funds are to be used for the acquisition of property, priority shall be given to acquiring land for park, recreation or natural lands purposes in densely populated, under-served areas with few parks or open space resources. Such acquisition shall be performed with due regard to its effect on the supply of affordable housing in a given area.
- Section 10. (a) The funds authorized in subparagraphs A, B, C, D and E of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available as grants on a competitive basis to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations. These funds shall be encumbered by the recipient within three years of the date when such funds are first made available. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall allocate a share of such competitive funds for expenditure in the unincorporated area of the District using the same procedures specified in subdivision (b) of Section 9.

The Director of Parks and Recreation shall: prepare a timeline for these competitive grants; prepare criteria and procedures for evaluating competitive grants for each program; and notify affected Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations of these proposed criteria and procedures and of the dates of public workshops to be held throughout the District for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed criteria and procedures. After at least one public workshop for each of the grant programs referenced in this subdivision (a), the Director of Parks and Recreation shall adopt final criteria and procedures for evaluating competitive grants for each program, and shall notify affected Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations as to the application timeline, criteria and procedures for evaluating competitive grants for each program.

- (b) An individual jurisdiction may enter into an agreement with one or more Nonprofit Organizations for the purpose of carrying out a grant pursuant to this Section 10, subject to the requirements of Section 16 hereof.
- (c) Priority shall be given to those proposals which provide for the employment of youth, and particularly at-risk youth, from the area in which the proposed project is located, or which include or are to be administered by a Nonprofit Organization with a demonstrated history of youth employment, gang prevention and intervention, and training programs for at-risk youth, including local community conservation corps and the California Conservation Corps.
- Section 11. (a) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph A of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations authorized to provide parks, recreation, or open-space services or facilities to the general public, or to acquire lands for these purposes. Such funds shall be used for the acquisition, development and improvement of real property for trails and public access. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) of these funds shall be spent within the Whittier Hills.
- (b) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph B of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations to develop senior centers and recreation facilities throughout the District.
- (c) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph C of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations to plant trees in public places for urban beautification projects.
- (d) (1) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph D of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations for the restoration, rehabilitation or acquisition of natural lands and the development of recreational resources along the Santa Clara, San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers or their tributaries. These funds shall be used only for the acquisition or restoration of natural habitat lands, wildlife enhancement, or development of compatible recreational resources.
- (2) Any such restoration of natural habitat lands shall use only species native to California to the maximum extent feasible. No grant shall be awarded which substantially impairs any transportation project which is approved by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. The development of recreational resources or facilities pursuant to this paragraph shall not degrade the natural values present or being restored along

rivers or tributaries. These funds shall not be used to pay for mitigation which is required to be carried out by state or federal law, nor shall they be used for flood control projects.

- (e) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph E of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations for graffiti removal and prevention throughout the District.
- (f) Funds authorized pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 8 shall be disbursed by the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of each fiscal year upon request by the Conservancy made directly to the Board of Supervisors and specifying the projects and grants, or classes thereof, proposed to be undertaken. The Conservancy may at any time modify or supplement its request as situations warrant, and any such modification or supplement shall be considered in the same manner as the original request.
- (g) Funds authorized pursuant to subparagraph KK of paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be expended by the public agency holding title to Towsley Canyon Park.
- (h) Because the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor include a high proportion of trails, rivers and streams within the District, and because trees must be planted to restore natural habitat lands throughout said area, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from each of the categories of funding described in subparagraphs A, C and D of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be granted to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, to be spent in accordance with subdivisions (a), (c) and (d), respectively, of this Section 11, and in accordance with Division 23 of the Public Resources Code.
- Section 12. An application for a grant pursuant to subparagraphs A, B, C, D or E of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be submitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation for review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, in its capacity as governing body of the District. All funds granted pursuant to paragraph (3) and paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be awarded by formal action of the Board of Supervisors.
- Section 13. Funds authorized pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available on a competitive basis as grants to Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations. Priority shall be given to those applications which meet one or more of the following criteria: (1) joint application by a Public Agency and a Nonprofit Organization whose primary focus is working with at-risk youth and gang members; (2) application by a Nonprofit Organization with a demonstrated history of gang intervention, gang prevention, ability to work with at-risk youth, and prior experience in such activities through grants from Public Agencies; and (3) include a Nonprofit Organization who agrees to and can demonstrate the ability to operate and maintain the facility to be constructed or developed on a long-term basis. An amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be granted to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy from the funds authorized pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 for the purposes of paragraph 4 of subdivision (c) of Section 8.
- Section 14. (a) Funds authorized pursuant to paragraph 6 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 shall be available for grants to Public Agencies and shall be expended only for capital outlay projects which meet one or more of the following criteria: (1) protect public health in recreational waters; (2) preserve and enhance the ecological integrity of significant watersheds containing Significant Ecological Areas; (3) are Best Management Practices as defined in the Storm Water NPDES permit for the County and approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; and (4) reduce runoff into Santa Monica Bay where the runoff travels across lands that contribute large amounts of toxic pollutants to the storm drain system, or measurably reduce the toxicity of that runoff. Proposed projects shall be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for review and approval.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors shall determine the administering agency for the funds authorized pursuant to paragraph 6 of subdivision (a) of Section 8. The administering agency shall prepare a timeline and proposed criteria and procedures for evaluating grants authorized pursuant to paragraph 6 of subdivision (a) of Section 8. The Regional Water Quality Control Board shall in a public process review and give final approval to the criteria and procedures for evaluating these grants.
- Section 15. (a) Funds that are granted pursuant to Section 8 for the purposes of development, improvement, rehabilitation or restoration shall be expended for these purposes only on lands owned by the applicant

Public Agency or Nonprofit Organization or subject to a lease or other interest held by such Public Agency or Nonprofit Organization. If such lands are not owned by the applicant or subject to such other interest held by the applicant, the applicant shall first demonstrate to the satisfaction of the administering agency that the project will provide public benefits commensurate with the type and duration of the interest in land held by the applicant.

(b) Funds allocated pursuant to Section 8 that are used for landscaping, planting trees or any other planting projects shall use drip irrigation systems and shall use drought-resistant or xerophytic trees, plants, lawn or sod, except when such use can be shown to be unfeasible. When projects involve the rehabilitation of existing irrigation systems or the creation of new irrigation systems, reclaimed water should be used whenever possible and priority shall be given to development of reclaimed water irrigation systems.

Section 16. (a) No funds authorized under Section 8 may be disbursed to any recipient unless the recipient agrees:

- (1) To maintain and operate in perpetuity the property acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with the funds. With the approval of the granting agency, the recipient or its successors in interest in the property may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property in accordance with this Section.
- (2) To use the property only for the purposes of this order and to make no other use, sale, or disposition of the property, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Section 16.
- (3) Any beach, park or other public facility acquired, developed, rehabilitated or restored with funds from this act shall be open and accessible to the public without discrimination as to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, religions belief, national origin, marital status, physical or medical handicap, medical condition or place of residence, to the extent consistent with the provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 18.
- (4) In order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued for purposes of this order, each recipient of funds pursuant to this order covenants to comply with each applicable requirement of Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Each recipient of funds disbursed pursuant to Section 8 shall agree in writing to the conditions specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this Section 16 (a).

The conditions specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section shall not prevent the transfer of property acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with funds authorized pursuant to Section 8 of this order from the recipient to another Public Agency, to a Nonprofit Organization authorized to acquire, develop, improve or restore real property for park, wildlife, recreation, open space or gang prevention and intervention purposes, or to the National Park Service, provided that any such successor to the recipient assumes the obligations imposed by such conditions.

(b) If the use of the property acquired through grants pursuant to this order is changed to one other than a use permitted under the category from which the funds were provided, or the property is sold or otherwise disposed of, an amount equal to the (1) amount of the grant, (2) the fair market value of the real property, or (3) the proceeds from the portion of such property acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with the grant, whichever is greater, shall be used by the recipient, subject to subdivision a of this Section, for a purpose authorized in that category or shall be reimbursed to the Parks Fund and be available for appropriation only for a use authorized in that category.

If the property sold or otherwise disposed of is less than the entire interest in the property originally acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with the grant, an amount equal to the proceeds or the fair market value of the property interest sold or otherwise disposed of, whichever is greater, shall be used by the grantee, subject to subdivision (a) of this Section, for a purpose authorized in that category or shall be reimbursed to the Parks Fund and be available for appropriation only for a use authorized in that category. Nothing in this Section 16 shall limit a Public Agency from transferring property acquired pursuant to this order to the National Park Service or the State Park System, with or without consideration.

- (c) Awards pursuant to Sections 8(a)(3) or 8(b)(1) hereof shall first be available during the County's 1993-94 fiscal year or the first fiscal year in which assessments are levied and collected by the District.
- Section 17. (a) All real property acquired pursuant to this order shall be acquired in compliance with Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 7260) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code. Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations receiving funds pursuant to Section 8 of this order shall certify compliance to the Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds disbursed to a Public Agency in accordance with Section 8 may be expended by that agency pursuant to an agreement, or by an entity, authorized or established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (b) For the purposes of this order, acquisition may include gifts, purchases, leases, easements, the exercise of eminent domain if expressly authorized, the transfer or exchange of property of like value, transfers of development rights or credits, and purchases of development rights and other interests.
- (c) All grants, gifts, devises, or bequests to the District, conditional or unconditional, for park, conservation, recreational, wildlife habitat, natural lands or other purposes for which real property may be acquired or developed pursuant to this order, shall be made in the name of the County and accepted and received on behalf of the District in the name of the County by the Chief Administrative Officer. The grants, gifts, devises or bequests shall be available for expenditure for the purposes specified in Section 8 hereof.
- Section 18. With respect to Section 8, if funds allocated pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) and paragraph 2 of subdivision (b) are not expended or committed to expenditure prior to December 1, 1997, or prior to five years from the date that funds are available to cities and the County for expenditure, whichever is later, the agency to which the funds are originally allocated may submit by or before December 1, 1997 to the Board of Supervisors a plan for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of this order within the city or area of the District in which the funds were originally authorized to be expended, and the Board of Supervisors, in its capacity as governing body of the District, shall approve the plan by a majority vote. If the reallocated funds are not expended within three years after the effective date of such reallocation, the funds shall be allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation for expenditure within the District consistent with the purposes of this order.
- (a) Reasonable public access to lands acquired in fee with funds made available pursuant to this order shall be provided except where that access may interfere with resource protection. For purposes of this order, reasonable public access shall include parking and public restrooms.
- (b) All funds allocated pursuant to this order for projects involving the rehabilitation or restoration of beach, park, recreation, open space or natural lands shall be used to the maximum extent practical to employ youth from the community in which the particular rehabilitation or restoration project is being carried out.
- (c) To the maximum extent feasible, Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations shall be encouraged and have authority to use funds received pursuant to this order to provide funding through agreements with community conservation corps, the California Conservation Corps, and with other community organizations, particularly when youth can be employed to work on restoration or rehabilitation projects being carried out in their own communities. Such agreements shall be entered into solely for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth by this order.
- Section 19. (a) Prior to recommending the acquisition of lands that are located on or near tidelands, submerged lands, swamp or overflowed lands, or other wetlands, whether or not those lands have been granted in trust to a local public agency, any agency receiving funds pursuant to this order shall submit to the State Lands Commission any proposal for the acquisition of those lands pursuant to this measure. The State Lands Commission may, at its discretion, within ninety (90) days of such a submission, review the proposed acquisition, make a determination as to the State's existing or potential interest in the lands, and report its findings to the entity making the submittal and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (b) No wetlands or riparian habitat acquired pursuant to Section 8 shall be used as a dredge spoil area or shall be subject to revetment which damages the quality of the habitat for which the property was acquired.

- (c) No provision of this order shall be construed as authorizing the condemnation of publicly-owned lands.
- Section 20. (a) The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall act, ex officio, as the governing body of the District. All powers and authority of the District shall be vested in the Board of Supervisors in its capacity as the governing body of the District.
- (b) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall administer for the District all funds for the projects and programs described in Section 8, except for the funds described in paragraph 5 of subdivision (a) of Section 8 and subdivision (c) of Section 8, which funds shall be administered by the respective agencies to which the funds are allocated. Each administering agency shall prepare and/or review any documentation necessary for purposes of this order.
- Section 21. (a) The District shall be financed by the levy of assessments pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and Division 5 of the Public Resources Code. Proceeds of assessments generated by the District shall be used for: (i) costs of maintenance and servicing projects funded either with assessments or with proceeds of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the District in accordance with this order; (ii) payment of actual administrative costs associated with carrying out the purposes of this order by the District and recipient Public Agencies; and (iii) either to directly pay the costs of projects authorized pursuant to this order or to pay debt service on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued therefor.
- (b) It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors to cause the District to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, to fund all or a portion of the costs of the projects listed in Section 8 of this order, pursuant to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code and the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. Such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued in one or more series at such times and in such principal amounts as the Board of Supervisors may determine in its sole discretion.
- (c) The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a special fund to be known as the "Regional Park and Open Space District Park Fund" into which all funds generated by the District shall be deposited. The Auditor-Controller of the County, on behalf of the District, may create any other funds, accounts or subaccounts necessary or desirable to account for the funds of the District, including the proceeds of assessments and bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the District.
- (d) All revenue generated by the District, including the proceeds from the issuance of any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, shall be deposited in the Parks Fund and shall be allocated among all affected Public Agencies within the District as defined in Section 5506.9 of the California Public Resources Code, for expenditure consistent with the purposes of Division 5, Chapter 3, Article 3 of the Public Resources Code and of this order. The County shall be reimbursed from the Parks Fund for actual costs of administration of the District and the costs of issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness by the District, as provided in subdivision a of this Section 21.
- (e) Pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 5506.9 of the Public Resources Code, no proceeds from any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the District shall be used for any operations, maintenance or servicing purposes, except that such proceeds may be used to pay all costs incidental to the preparation and issuance of the bonds.
- (f) The amounts of all allocations designated in Section 8 are net amounts, and shall not be reduced for administrative costs of the District.
- Section 22. Assessments levied pursuant to this order shall be levied for a period of twenty-two (22) years beginning with the fiscal year in which such assessments are first levied and collected by the District.
- Section 23. (a) Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (c) of Section 5506.9 of the Public Resources Code, in each of the first twenty (20) years after the date an assessment is levied and collected, a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of all proceeds of assessments levied and collected by the District shall be used for capital outlay projects, including, but not limited to, acquisition and improvement of real property. For purposes of this order, capital outlay projects include the servicing of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the District.

- (b) On an annual basis, fifteen percent (15%) of all proceeds of assessments levied and collected by the District shall be set aside and designated as the maintenance and servicing amount, and shall be used only to maintain and service capital outlay projects funded pursuant to this order. The maintenance and servicing amount shall be allocated each year as follows. First, there shall be apportioned to the County an amount determined in the same manner specified in subdivision (b) of Section 9. Second, after the allocation required by the preceding sentence has been made, and notwithstanding any other provision of this order, there shall be allocated to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy or to any other agency nominated by it that manages properties acquired by the Conservancy pursuant to this order an amount equal to seven and two-tenths percent (7.2%) of the maintenance and servicing amount. Third, after the allocations required by the preceding two sentences have been made, the remainder of the maintenance and servicing amount shall be allocated among all incorporated cities in the District in the same manner specified in subdivision (b) of Section 9 hereof, except that one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) shall be deducted from the amount allocated each year to the City of Los Angeles and such amount shall be used to pay debt service on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued to fund the project described in Section 8. (b) 2. V. x.
- (c) Funds for maintenance and servicing as described in this section shall be allocated annually to each city within the District and to the County. Such allocations shall be made only to those entities which certify that: (i) such funds shall be used only to maintain and service projects funded pursuant to this order; and (ii) such funds shall be used to supplement existing levels of service and not to fund existing levels of service.
- Section 24. Any revenue generated by the District greater than the amount needed to finance the capital outlay projects described in this order, or to repay bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to fund these projects, or to provide funds in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (b) of Section 23 shall be made available for the District-wide grants in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 8. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall make every effort to distribute these funds equitably throughout the District.
- Section 25. (a) The rate and method of apportionment for use in levying annual assessments for all categories of property shall be as set forth in the Engineer's Report.
- (b) Individuals who qualify for the California Property Tax Postponement Program (Section 20581 et seq. of the California Revenue and Tax Code) may also qualify for postponement of assessments levied by the District pursuant to this order. The Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County shall notify those individuals who have qualified for the Property Tax Postponement Program of this provision.
- Section 26. Subject to the approval of a majority of the voters voting on the proposition, the Board hereby orders an assessment district to be known as County of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 92-1 to be formed and the improvements described in this order to be carried out, and confirms the diagram and the rate and method of assessment as set forth in the Engineer's Report.
- Section 27. All qualified voters of the County shall be permitted to vote in the election and in all particulars not recited in this order the election shall be held as nearly as practicable in conformity with the General Election Law of the State of California.
- Section 28. In case any provision of this order shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- Section 29. This order shall take effect immediately, and upon approval by the voters, all officers and employees of the District shall take all actions necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes of this order.

The foregoing order was on the M day of march, 1992, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

LARRY J. MONTEILH, Executive

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Avoiding States of Disrepair

L.A. County Proposition A would keep parks green and happy

As the Los Angeles metropolitan area has grown by leaps, so too have the demands on parks, beaches, open land and other recreational areas. Too many of these are falling into a sad state of disrepair. Nowhere is the problem more acute than in the city, where too often neighborhood parks have become more hospitable to criminals than to children and their families.

Proposition A, on the Nov. 3 Los Angeles County ballot, could help rectify this unacceptable situation by providing \$540 million to clean up deteriorating city parks and to maintain and upgrade facilities at regional parks, beaches, museums and zoos.

The measure, which needs only a simple majority to pass, would increase property taxes about \$12 a year for the average Los Angeles County property owner over the next 22 years.

Though property tax hikes are unfortunate in an economic downturn, consider that the use of public recreational

facilities increases when times are tough.

Proposition A could ensure that the facilities can handle increased use by giving them, in many cases, a simple face lift. These public resources would be cleaner, safer, more inviting.

The funds would also boost recreational programs for both young people and seniors. Outdoor enthusiasts would benefit from coastal cleanup programs and habitat restoration.

No wonder then that Proposition A was put on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors and is supported by a diverse group of public leaders and organizations ranging from Los Angeles Police Chief Willie L. Williams and Sheriff Sherman Block to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and environmental groups.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Act has something for everyone. We urge a "yes" vote for Proposition A.

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Undermining Prop. 13

Here's a warning for homeowners who were overjoyed by the June 18 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of Proposition 13: There is no cause for complacency. Politicians haven't given up trying to soak property owners in order to feed their spending habits.

A prime example of that threat is Proposition A. This Los Angeles County measure uses a deceitful gimmick to make an end run around Proposition 13's prohibition on property tax increases unless they are for general-obligation bond issues passed by at least two-thirds of the affected voters.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is trying to bypass Proposition 13 by disguising Proposition A's tax on real estate as a benefit assessment. As a result. Proposition A can be approved by a simple majority, rather than the two-thirds majority required by Proposition 13 for special taxes and general-obligation bond issues. Proposition A also authorizes the supervisors to issue bonds; that makes it a two-pronged attack on Proposition 13's safeguards.

No less deceitful than Proposition A itself is the way it is being presented to the voters. It is being pitched as a measure to make parks safer and reduce gang activity, even though it does nothing to strengthen law enforcement or improve security.

PROP. A AT A GLANCE

Here is a summary of Proposition A, a Los Angeles County measure on the Nov. 3 state ballot:

The Property assessments: Would create the Los Angeles County Park and Open Space District. Would authorize benefit assessments on real estate for 22 years to finance a \$540 million program to acquire and improve parks and open space. County officials say the annual assessment on a typical single-family home may not exceed \$12.52. Simple majority required.

The Daily News recommends:

U YES

X NO

Likewise, the analysis of the measure on the sample ballot by County Counsel DeWitt Clinton contains some disgraceful omissions. It fails to mention that Proposition A calls for spending a whopping \$540 million. It also is silent on the intention of the supervisors to utilize deficit financing by issuing bonds

Many of the individual projects that would be funded by Proposition A are desirable. Some of them were included in an unsuccessful 1991 Los Angeles city bond issue that we supported. But the city proposition was submitted to the voters fairly and squarely. The city played by the rules. The supervisors are trying to evade them.

EDITORIALS & LETTERS

Prop. A is no plot against public or Prop. 13

We must take strong exception to the Oct. 20 Daily News editorial, "Undermining Prop. 13," opposing Proposition A, a Los Angeles County measure on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Proposition A is not a dark plot by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to subvert Proposition 13. It would apply a new tool, the benefits-assessment district, which was recently authorized for park and open-space purposes by the state Legislature and Gov. Pete Wilson. Its intent is not to trick the public, but to give back to the public the democratic right of majority rule.

Proposition A was drafted in a long series of public meetings by a broadly based coalition of citizens organizations and county and city park, recreation and gang-diversion agencies. It was subject to extensive public hearings by the Board of Supervisors.

This open process is reflected in its endorsement by almost 500 groups and individuals throughout the county.

Law enforcement endorsers include Police Chief Willie Williams, 25 other police chiefs and Sheriff Sherman Block.

Proposition A has been endorsed by the American Association of Retired Persons and 50 more seniors organizations.

Proposition A has been endorsed by the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Planning and Conservation League, the Nature Conservancy, Heal the Bay and many other environmental organizations.

Business endorsers include Peter V. Ueberroth, the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce and 32 more business organizations.

The Daily News, in opposing Proposition A, has missed the point. The recreational opportunities for people of all ages have not kept up with demand in Los Angeles County. Proposition A is our best opportunity to improve the quality of life, not only for ourselves, but for our children and our children's children.

Murray Rosenthal
Angeles Chapter Coordinator
for Proposition A
Sierra Club
Los Angeles

Regarding the Oct. 20 Daily News editorial against Proposition A:

I voted for Proposition 13 and have enoyed its benefits, but the Daily News is missing the point of Proposition 13. It was passed so that the individual homeowners could make decisions about how and when they would spend more money. Proposition 13 has prevented the California Legislature and the governor from taxing me out of my home.

However, by saying that Proposition A is "an end run around" Proposition 13, the Daily News is creating a smoke screen.

The population of California will grow, and we will continue to see the open land developed to support those housing needs. This is good for all. But Proposition A will buy some of that open space that is left and preserve it so that we can point to it and say to our grandchildren, "That's what it looked like when I was a kid, Isn't it still beautiful?"

— Tony Wiener Calabasas

Regarding the Oct. 20 editorial, "Undermining Prop. 13":

It seems you have completely missed the point.

Proposition A clearly would set aside funds to provide safe parks for children to play in by renovating and improving park facilities, such as security lighting and fencing. Proposition A also would help prevent gangs by specifically providing recreation alternatives for at-risk youth.

A "yes" vote on Proposition A is a vote for our children and grandchildren's future. Far too many of our parks are in The state of politics

With the approaching end of another presidential campaign, it's time to make some assessments, not just of the candidates but of the political process itself. Has it worked? Has it given Americans a real choice? Has it put truly qualified people in a position to compete for national leadership? For the Public Forum on Saturday, Oct. 31, the Daily News invites readers to comment on the state of American politics. Letters should reach the Daily News by Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Writing to Public Forum: We welcome letters to the editor on all issues of public concern. Letters must be signed and must include the writer's home address and daytime telephone number. All are subject to editing and condensation. They can be published only with the writer's true name. Mail letters to Public Forum, P.O. Box 4200. Woodland Hills, Calif. 91365.

such bad shape that they are unusable or unsafe for our children.

— Esther Feldman Campaign Director Yes on A Los Angeles

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Thursday October 15, 1992

Editorials

Yes on Proposition A

We endorse with enthusiasm Los Angeles County Proposition A on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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and maintain open space in L.A. County. It will also fund programs for soniors and at risk youth.

This is a difficult time to decide to tax ourselves more, but for the people of Glendale it's an excellent investment. Glendale is guaranteed to receive \$1.8 million to build the first phase of the Freeway Sport Complex — four soccer fields, three softball dlamonds, and a baseball field near the Route 2 Freeway. The young people in our community need these facilities desperately.

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Jobs right away. I think that's a good investment.

'Metropolitan Los Angeles will continue to grow. We need to provide places for people — young and old — to get out of doors. We need to provide the pressure on our present parks.

Please vote on Nov. 3. Please think about the future when you vote.

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Who was the one who had the courage and wisdom to stop Iraq from developing analysis.

developing nuclear weapons and liberate Kuwait? Can Bill Clinton of Ross Perot match that record?

Lets help our president to win this election and solve our economic problems.

> A. G. DePomps La Crescenta

Observatory needs help

Los Angeles was the focus of world attention last spring, but not for reasons that many in the community consider praiseworthy. Out of all the mayhem, perhaps we realize that we must preserve and protect the few fragile treasures that constitute our common culture.

One such cultural and educational community treasure exists in Griffith Park's Griffith Observatory. Since 1935, the Observatory has en-

nched the lives of visitors, inspiring young and senior alike. However, the busy hands and feet of millions of curious visitors over the years have taken their toll. The grand old structure is showing the signs of all those years of heavy usage without extensive rehabilitation.

Now threatened with curtailed use and facility access, there is hope

on the horizon by way of Proposition A on the Nov. 3. County of Los Angeles general election bullot.

Passage of the proposition for Safe Neighborhood Parks will provide the first \$18 million to begin implementation of the Master Plan for renovation of Griffith Observatory.

It's a much-needed boost for a deserving institution at an affordable cost of about \$1 per month to county households and businesses.

I urge support for passage of Proposition A for Safe Neighborhood Parks. Future generations of visitors to this unique community resource will take pride in its existence, and appliand the wisdom of current voters who will make it possible.

> Donald M. Roberts Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Obervatory

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- Fred Carponter Montrose

Montrose birds

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I visited two great events in Montrose recently. The first was the Oktoberfest, where almost 40,000 showed up for a peaceful celebration along Honolulu Avenue. The second was the evening "poetry event" sponsored by the Reader's Edge bookstore.

The people attending these events were screnaded by birds that roost at night in the Indian fig trees. Almost without fail, the birds sing at Sunset every evening in front of the shops in the Montrose Shopping Park. Any bird watchers? Could you please say. what type of birds they are?

> - Edson Andre Johnson Sunland

SCI-FI channel

To the Editor:

Around the first of October, the long-awaited SCI-FI Channel was activated on the Galaxy 5 trans-ponder 4 satellite. This service supplies both science fiction and science fact entertainment to the backyard dish owner and cable TV companies. King Videocable has indicated it will include the SCI-FI Channel in its lineup if there is suf-

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-- Wayne Rankin

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To the Editor:

Above Foothill Boulevard, Onganange Avenue is the only street that runs the full width of the valley, from Briggs to Lowell avenues.

The east front is a perfect replica-of "Tobacco Road." In front of their houses, there are stones, weeds, tin cans, trash and dog manure and no place to park. They "Tobacco Road" people love this sort of neighborhood. They are happy because the front of their homes is 30 feet in "squatter's rights" on the county road.

The county offered to put in a new road without cost to the homeowners. The "squatters" made a violent protest and the county decided to widen the road when it care be afforded.

Several "squatters" homes will be bought by the county. These people are so upset, we should up ! peal to the county to change the name of the street from Orange to Tobacco Road.

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By DeWitt W. Clinton, County Counsel

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The annual assessment levied against a single-family detached residence located on a median-sized residential lot (1/7 acre of land) may not exceed

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Proposition A. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at (213) 721-1100 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

SUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

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- Protect Wildlife and Natural Lands
- Improve Water Quality in Santa Monica Bay
- Reduce Gang Activity by Providing Recreational Alternatives for At-risk Youth

Give Children Safe Places to Play

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- American Association of Retired Persons,
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- League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County

Preserve our Environment, Protect Wildlife

'YES on Proposition A will restore our county's rivers and streams, protect wildlife and preserve disappearing natural lands. Proposition A will preserve parkland to give us an escape from the traffic, smog and crowds we confront

Audubon Society, Los Angeles

Reduce Gang Activity

'YES on Proposition A will take kids off the streets and reduce gang involvement by providing recreational and job alternatives for young people."

- Police Chief Willie L. Williams
- Sheriff Sherman Block

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Argument in Favor of Proposition A (Continued)

Invest \$1 Per Month to Improve Los Angeles

"\$1 each month is not a lot to pay if it really makes a difference in improving Los Angeles. Yes on Proposition A is a wise investment in our quality of life. our children and our future."

- Peter V. Ueberroth

Join us in voting YES on Proposition A!

PETER V. UEBERROTH

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

Supporters of Proposition A paint a lovely picture, but the reality is, the only thing Proposition A guarantees is a property tax increase.

ises. Why? Because if Proposition A passes and provides new money to the county, the Board of Supervisors can - as they have in the past with funds for mental health -- divert the money they now spend on parks and recreation to other pet projects, like more goodies for top county officials. This would leave parks and recreation facilities no better off then they were before, and There is no certainty Proposition A will ever deliver on any of its rosy promlaxpayers holding the bag.

Our local economy is staggering along with no recovery in sight. And our jobless rate is over 10%. How much more can taxpayers stand?

We urge you to vote NO on Proposition A

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ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

increase are calling it a "Safe Parks Act" yet not one dime will go for law enforcement. Further, it is being touted as a benefit to property owners who Proposition A is a scam on taxpayers. The narrow interests supporting this tax will be paying the bill. Proposition A was conceived specifically to get around Proposition 13 and raise your property taxes. in fact, this is the worst possible time to be raising taxes on Los Angeles County residents. Unemployment hovers at 10 percent and our economy is in shambles. When taxpayers are struggling to just hold on to their homes and jobs, we should seriously question the need for any new county taxes. et's look at a few items of current county spending. The Board of Supervisors share of the benefits going to top county officials. The County Chief Adminisrative Officer just spent \$6.1 million to remodel his offices. Some members of the Board continue to be driven around at taxpayer expense in \$74,000 limrecently increased pensions for county workers \$265 million, with the largest ousines, and this does not count the additional cost of the chauffeurs. This is not the time to be increasing the burden on taxpayers for parks. On November 3, vote NO on Proposition A.

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TAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

PROPOSITION A WAS PREPARED BY CITIZENS GROUPS WORK-ING TOGETHER, NOT BY POLITICIANS.

Our Children Deserve Safe Places to Play!

We need to restore our neighborhood parks. We need to fix our rundown playgrounds. A dollar per month is not too much for our children's future. Vote YES on Proposition A."

- Peter V. Ueberroth

Top Law Enforcement Officials urge YES on A!

neighborhood parks and providing healthy recreation opportunities is one of the most important things we can do to keep kids off the streets and out of 'Proposition A sets aside specific funds for gang prevention. Building safe

Police Chief Willie L. Williams

Sheriff Sherman Block

Over 100 Specific Park Projects for Our Neighborhoods

Proposition A gives no money to the politicians. Proposition A earmarks all funds for specific projects to:

Improve public safety at local parks

Improve Santa Monica Bay's water quality

Provide young people with alternatives to gangs Protect wildlife and natural lands

Upgrade neighborhood parks countywide

Safer Neighborhood Parks are Worth \$1 Per Month

"YES on Proposition A will provide security lighting and new fencing, and will fix our broken playgrounds. Proposition A is a small amount to improve neighporhood parks for our children."

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Proposition A will Preserve Our Environment and Protect Wildlife!

"It's our responsibility to set aside natural lands now so our children will have he chance to enjoy them."

- Audubon Society, Los Angeles

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Rebuttal to Argument Against Proposition A (Continued

Vote YES on Proposition A - Safe Neighborhood Parks for Our Children!

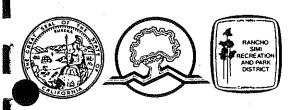
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OUTLINE OF SENATE BILL 659 (Hill) Enabling Legislation

FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK, BEACH AND RECREATION ACT OF 1992

Under existing state law, counties may form regional park and open space districts to address park, recreation and open space needs. A regional park district may levy a special benefit assessment to raise funds for park, recreation and open space purposes. SB 659 (Hill) was signed into law in October of 1991 and amends existing law to address Los Angeles County's growing park, recreation and open space needs. SB 659 addresses the county's specific needs in forming a regional park district and in levying a special benefit assessment for park and open space purposes; the bill includes the following provisions:

Formation Proceedings:

- Allows the Board of Supervisors to initiate proceedings to form a regional park and open space district through a resolution in lieu of the otherwise required petition process
- Allows consolidation of hearings regarding formation of the regional park and open space district and levy of the special benefit assessment
- Requires four weeks of published notice for above hearings
- Allows Board to exempt agricultural and open space lands from the assessment
- Exempts formation of district from LAFCO
- Specifies Board of Supervisors as the governing body of the district; directs the county to
 provide needed services and facilities for the district and allows reimbursement to the county
 for cost of services and facilities

Contents of Resolution and Election Requirements:

- Requires majority voter approval to levy the assessment, form the district and authorize the specific expenditure plan, and allows these items to be consolidated into one measure
- Requires a resolution to be placed before county voters that includes: a specific expenditure
 plan for proceeds of assessments levied by the district; rate and method of assessment; and
 allocation of all funds generated by the district
- Requires that a minimum of 80% of funds generated by the district be used for capital outlay projects

Other:

- Requires that an annual report be submitted to the Board of Supervisors that describes changes in number and use of assessed parcels, distribution of funds generated by the district and summary of current fiscal status of the district
- Makes legislative findings regarding the benefit to all properties from improvements to, and acquisition of park, recreation, beach and open space lands throughout Los Angeles County

¹California Public Resources Code Section 5500 et seq. and Streets and Highways Code Section 22500 et seq.



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SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS and PROPOSITION 13

This is a brief summary of the distinction between special benefit assessments and special taxes under the definition of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution (Proposition 13). There are a number of court cases which speak to this issue in detail. In June 1991, the Legislative Counsel of the State of California issued a written opinion stating that an assessment levied by a regional park and open space district under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 would not be a tax for purposes of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution. The Legislative Counsel opinion and detailed analysis is attached.¹

The Los Angeles County Park, Beaches and Recreation Act of 1992

The proposed Los Angeles County Park, Beaches and Recreation Act of 1992, if approved by a majority of voters in the district, would form a regional park and open space district in Los Angeles County. This district would issue bonds to fund the acquisition, improvement and restoration of park, beach and recreation lands and facilities throughout the county; the bonds would be secured by a special benefit assessment on property in the county levied under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

Definitions

A <u>special benefit assessment</u> is a charge which pays for a public improvement and which is levied in direct relationship to the special benefit which the improvement confers on the property.

A special tax is used for a special purpose.

A general tax is used to fund general services and has no restrictions on its use.

Discussion

An assessment is not an ad valorem property tax; an assessment is based on the benefit the improvements confer on the property rather than on property value. Assessed property must receive a special benefit from the proposed improvement, and the proposed improvement must have a public purpose. Local officials define the benefit that will be derived from the proposed improvements.

Proposition 13 limits <u>ad valorem</u> property taxes (taxes based on property value) to 1%, annual increases in property taxes to 2%, and requires 2/3 voter approval for special taxes. Proposition 13 does not affect special assessments. A series of court cases defines "special benefit".

In 1979, the court ruled that Proposition 13 excludes true special assessments from the two-thirds vote requirement; the court found that a special assessment is not a special tax (County of Fresno v. Malmstrom). In a separate case (Solvang Mun. Improvement Dist. v. Board of Supervisors), the court

¹The Legislative Counsel opinion refers to AB 1152, the Assembly version of SB 659 - Hill which was signed into law in October 1991. Both bills addressed the same issue.

declared that "...[a] special assessment is not, in the constitutional sense, a tax at all."2

Court cases also address the distinction between taxes, which are levied for general governmental revenue and for general public improvements, and special assessments, which are levied for local improvements which directly benefit specific real property (Spring Street Co. v. City of Los Angeles; County of Placer v. Corin).²

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972

This act was authored by Senator Robert Beverly, approved unanimously by both the Assembly and the Senate and signed into law by then-Governor Ronald Reagan in 1972. The 1972 act is the state statute that will be used by the proposed 1992 Los Angeles County park measure to levy assessments for park and open space purposes. Any local agency - defined as a county, city, city and county or special district - can use the 1972 Act. The Act allows funds to be used to acquire park, recreation and open space lands, improve park and recreation lands and facilities, and install park and recreation related improvements.

Proposed County Park Measure Requires Majority Voter Approval

Under the 1972 Act (and most other assessment acts in state law) no public vote is required to levy the assessment. The governing body of the local agency which wishes to levy the assessment must notify landowners and must hold a public hearing. The enabling legislation (SB 659 - Hill) which authorizes the formation of a Los Angeles County regional park and open space district requires majority voter approval of the assessment levied to fund park acquisition and improvements. This is a much more stringent requirement than currently provided for under state law.

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²State of California Legislative Counsel opinion #17781, June 3, 1991



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Summary of Draft Engineer's Report

for the Los Angeles County Park, Beach and Recreation Act of 1992

The draft engineer's report was prepared jointly by BSI Consultants, Inc. and Willdan Associates, two of the largest and most prominent engineering firms in Southern California. The engineer's report is required by state law for formation of an assessment district and includes the following components:

Description of the boundaries of the proposed assessment district

- Description of all improvements (i.e; acquisition, development, restoration of parks, beaches, recreation facilities)
- Estimate of all costs involved in funding the proposed improvements
- Analysis of benefit to properties being assessed
- Rate and method of assessment

Rate and Method of Assessment

The method of assessment developed by BSI and Willdam differentiates between the benefit from the proposed park, beach and recreation projects to land itself and to improvements on the land as reflected by land use (house, apartment, type of commercial/industrial facility). Benefit to the land is based on parcel size. A point system divided into the components of economic value, environmental quality and recreation enhancement is used to evaluate benefit to improvements on the land. Each land use category (home, apartment, commercial/industrial) is evaluated based on whether it receives one or more of the benefits reflected in these components. Following is a summary of the assessment method for each type of parcel in the county:

Single Family Residence:

The assessment on single family residence parcels varies with the size of the parcel. All single family residences are equal to one dwelling unit. The typical single family residence is 1/7 acre, and would pay approximately \$1.00/month, or \$12.00 per year.

Multiple-Family Residence:

The assessment on multiple-family residence parcels varies with the size of the parcel and with the number of dwelling units on the parcel, with a discount factored in to account for increased density per parcel. All multiple-family residence parcels are equal to .75 of one dwelling unit. This is because apartment units impact infrastructure approximately 75% as much as a single family residence. The typical apartment in the county (3 units on 1/7 acre) would pay approximately \$24.00 per year.

Commercial/Industrial:

The assessment on commercial and industrial parcels varies with the size of the parcel, category of land use and size of improvements on the property. All categories of commercial and industrial properties are evaluated separately as to the amount of benefit each land use would receive from the park improvements. The typical commercial property in the county is a three-story office building on 1/3 acre; this property would pay approximately \$109.00 per year.

Vacant Land:

Vacant land is assessed based on the size of the parcel only, up to five acres.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

FOR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 92-1

Revised as of MARCH 16, 1992

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 92-1

I. INTRODUCTION

This Report is prepared in compliance with the requirements of Article 4 of Chapter 1 of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

This Report presents the engineering analysis for the District known as: County of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 92-1, hereinafter referred to as the "District."

The District will provide funding for park, recreation and open space improvements and some park maintenance throughout the District.

Formation of the District and levying of the assessments will be carried out pursuant to Section 22500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highway Code and Sections 5506.9, 5538.9 and 5539.9 of the California Public Resources Code. As required in Section 5539.9 of the Public Resources Code, any assessment to be levied in the District must first be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposition. The proposal to levy the assessment described herein will be consolidated with the proposal to form a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, which will administer the assessment if approved by the voters. For the purposes of the proposed District, assessments shall be deemed levied upon approval of a majority of the voters voting on the proposition.

Pursuant to Section 5506.9 of the Public Resources Code, the rate and method of apportionment of assessments levied by the proposed District and the proposed improvements to be funded by the assessments must be submitted to the voters for majority approval.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that assessments be apportioned with reference to benefit rather than according to assessed value. Section 22573 of the California Streets and Highways Code states:

"The net amount to be assessed upon lands within an assessment district may be apportioned by any formula or method which fairly distributes the net amount among all assessable lots or parcels in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each such lot or parcel from the improvements.

The determination of whether or not a lot or parcel will benefit from the improvements shall be made pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911 (Division 7 commencing with Section 5000 of the Streets and Highway Code)."

Payment of the assessment for each parcel will be due in the same manner and at the same time as payments of property taxes for that parcel.

Properties owned by public agencies, such as cities, the county, the state or the federal government, will not be assessed except when such property is not devoted to a public use. Rights-of-way owned by utilities and railroad operating rights-of-way are also exempt from assessment.

Where the estimated cost of the proposed improvements is greater than can be conveniently raised from a single annual assessment, the District will issue bonds payable from the

assessments under the provisions of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915, California Streets and Highways Code, Section 8500 et seq., which shall govern the proceedings as related to bonds.

ENGINEER'S REPORT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 92-1

II. BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT

The boundaries of the District are coterminous with the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles. The Diagram showing the exterior boundaries of the District and the lines and dimensions of each lot or parcel of land within the District has been submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. A reduced scale copy is included in this Report. The lines and dimensions of each lot or parcel within the District are those lines and dimensions shown on the maps of the Assessor of the County of Los Angeles that support the secured tax roll for fiscal year 1991/1992. The Assessor's maps and records are incorporated by reference herein and made part of this Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 92-1

III. DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

In accordance with Sections 22567 and 22568 of the Streets and Highways Code, the description of the general nature, location and extent of the items to be acquired, constructed, and/or maintained is as follows.

LIST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT COST

a. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

\$203,150,000

County Park and Recreation Facilities

These projects consist of county park and recreation facilities, which are regional in nature and are located throughout the District. County-operated park and recreation facilities typically include many of the District's significant natural resources, large regional parks that offer a wide variety of recreation opportunities not available elsewhere in the District, and trail and river systems that traverse the entire District. These facilities include:

- large recreational centers and sports facilities
- lakes, fishing and boating facilities
- trails and trail connections into National Forest areas, State Parks and river systems
- large regional parks
- nature centers in Significant Ecological Areas as identified by the County of Los Angeles
- mountain and canyon areas
- open space and critical natural lands
- equestrian facilities

Funds are included both for specific county park and recreation facilities which meet the regional criteria and for non-specified regional park and recreation facilities throughout the District. The non-specified funds will be distributed evenly within the District.

1. County Parks & Recreation

\$5,000,000

Funds to acquire, develop and restore regional parks, recreation and natural lands throughout the District.

2. County Specific Projects

\$127,150,000

A. Bonelli Regional Park

\$1,500,000

General rehabilitation of picnic, restroom, camping and lake areas. Located in the San Dimas/Pomona area.

B. Brea Heights Park

\$4,500,000

Development of 28 acres for passive recreation use including day-use facilities, picnic areas and jogging trails and construction of three ballfields. Located near La Habra Heights and Rowland Heights.

C. Calabasas Recreational Center

\$3,000,000

Acquisition and construction of a community recreation facility including tennis courts. Located in the City of Calabasas.

D. Castaic Park

\$1,500,000

General rehabilitation of picnic, restroom, camping and lake areas. Located in the Castaic area off Highway 5.

E. Catalina Island Interpretive Center

\$500,000

Expansion of infrastructure, development of displays in center. Located at the top of Avalon Canyon on Santa Catalina Island.

\$2,500,000 F. Cerritos Park Rehabilitation of gym, lake and passive areas at this county regional park. Located south of the City of Norwalk. \$1.000.000 G. Debs Park General park rehabilitation including security and lighting improvements, restroom rehabilitation, pond reconstruction, parking and irrigation improvements. Located in the Monterey Hills area on the edge of the City of South Pasadena in the City of Los Angeles. \$400,000 H. Dexter Park General rehabilitation to park facilities in Kagel Canyon including picnic areas and community building/facilities. Located in the Sylmar area of the San Fernando Valley. I. Eagle Rock Acquisition Acquire historical landmark and develop picnic areas and parking. Located in the Eagle Rock area in the City of Los Angeles. \$1,200,000 J. East Compton Swimming Pool Construct 25 meter pool and bath house on five acres in this densely-populated area. \$4,000,000 K. East Los Angeles Parks Community buildings, ballfields, general rehabilitation of picnic and play areas. Improvements could occur at the following parks: Atlantic Avenue, Belvedere, City Terrace, Obregon, Roosevelt, Salazar, and/or Saybrook. \$1,500,000 L. Eaton Canyon Park Acquisition of buffer property to protect the natural area and wildlife in Eaton Canyon which is owned by the county. Located in the Altadena area, on the edge of the City of Pasadena. \$4,000,000 M. Friendship Park Development of a visitor center including meeting rooms, an interpretive center focussing on the blue butterfly, restroom facilities and office space; expansion of day-use picnic and play areas; development of camping areas. Located in San Pedro. N. Hancock Park Outdoor park development including access, landscaping and security improvements. Located in the Fairfax area. \$1,460,000 O. Handicapped Access Improvements Improvements to all county parks to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act. \$500,000 P. Hart Park Rehabilitation to picnic grounds, campgrounds, infrastructure in park, security and lighting. Located in the north San Fernando Valley, Newhall area. \$5,000,000 O. Highland-Camrose Bungalows Renovate bungalows for park, visitor-service facilities and community activities, meetings and recreation programs; development of picnic areas; landscaping. \$25,500,000

Rehabilitate all facilities, replace aging infrastructure, improve public access and

\$12,000,000

R. Hollywood Bowl

facilities, and restore bandshell.

S. Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

Acquire land, develop picnic areas and trails, and expand lake in Baldwin Hills.
T. Lo Mirada Park \$2,500,000
Rehabilitation of fishing lake, picnic areas, day-use facilities, campgrounds, and
parking facilities.
II Magic Johnson Recreation Area \$1,000,000
Rehabilitation of picnic, lake and play areas; security and parking improvements.
Located in the Watts area.
V Molibu Bluffs Park \$300,000
Renovation and improvements to ballfields. Located off Pacific Coast Highway in
Malibu overlooking the ocean.
W North County Athletic Complex \$4,603,500
Acquire and develop multi-purpose regional park in the Lancaster-raimdale area.
Development includes ballfields, soccer fields, meeting space, community facilities,
parking and infrastructure.
V North County Parks \$2,420,500
Improvements to picnic areas, parking and restroom facilities in parks throughout the
north county.
V North County Significant Ecological Areas \$750,000
Acquisition of SEA's as identified by the County of Los Angeles' Significant
Fcological Area Report.
7 North County Trails \$300,000
Acquisition and development of trails from Santa Clarita to the Palmdale/Lancaster
area
AA. Pan Pacific Park \$3,500,000
Develop and restore facilities including community center, day-use facilities, picnic
areas irrigation and restrooms.
RR Placerita Canyon Park \$1,000,000
Acquisition of buffer area to preserve natural oak/woodland area in existing park.
Located in the Newhall area of the north county.
CC. Plum Canyon \$400,000
Improvements to restroom facilities and picnic areas. Located in the northwest Santa
Clarita area.
DD. River Corridors, Trails \$5,000,000
Development including reststops, landscaping, resource protection and park
development along the Los Angeles River and its' tributaries.
EE. San Dimas Park
Rehabilitation of nature center, picnic and day use areas.
FF. San Gabriel Valley Parks \$3,430,000
I Ingrade of and improvements to ballfields, parking, security, picnic areas, playground
facilities, and water fountains. Improvements could occur at the following parks:
Thomas S. Burton, Countrywood, Gunn Ave., Gloria Heer, Carolyn Rosas Park,
Trailview, Los Robles, Manzanita, Pepperbrook, and/or Steimson. \$2,500,000
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Acquisition of open space land in canyons in the Santa Clarita Valley.

HH. Santa Fe Dam Park

\$4,000,000

Lake expansion; improvements to picnic, day-use areas, parking, security, infrastructure, restrooms, and campgrounds. Located in the Irwindale area near the intersection of the 210 and 605 freeways.

II. Schabarum Park

\$2,500,000

Improvements of tennis courts, soccer area, restrooms and general rehabilitation. Located in Rowland.

JJ. Senior Citizen Facilities

\$3,400,000

Improvements to county senior citizen recreation facilities in the following parks: Hart, Basset, Arcadia, Obregon, Salazar, and/or Sorenson.

KK. Towsley Canyon

\$1,000,000

Property acquisition for park and open space and wildlife habitat. Located in the Santa Clarita Woodlands.

LL. Urban County Parks

\$5,630,000

Community building, ballfield and picnic area rehabilitation. Improvements could occur at the following parks: Alondra, Bethune, Bodger, Cantanella, Carver, Del Aire, Enterprise, Keller, Ladera, Lennox, Mona, Monteith, Owens, Rogers, and/or Victoria.

MM. Val Verde Park

\$750,000

Rehabilitation of picnic areas, restroom facilities, community building, security and lighting. Located northwest of Santa Clarita.

NN. Walnut Creek

\$250,000

Park is oak woodland and has limited development. This project will expand picnic areas; improve and rehabilitate parking, drinking fountains, and public access. Located in the San Dimas area.

OO. Whittier Narrows Regional Park

\$5,750,000

Development of picnic and children's area at 6-acre site; park improvements including irrigation improvements and general picnic and day use area rehabilitation. Located north of Pico Rivera and south of South El Monte.

3. Countywide Competitive Funds

\$25,000,000

These funds are designed to meet the wide and varied park and recreation-related needs in all regions of the District by making funds available to public agencies throughout the District. These funds are designed to preserve, develop or restore natural resources which are unique or significant to the entire District; improve public access to these and other park resources; provide important regional recreation facilities in all regions of the District that are not currently available; and increase the safety of park and recreation facilities. Funds are provided for the following purposes:

A. Trails

\$5,000,000

Funds to acquire and develop land for walking, hiking, horse, bicycle and handicapped access trails, for trails that connect mountain areas, National Forests, State Parks, canyons, rivers and regional and local parks throughout the District, and for improvements to public access.

B. Senior Facilities

\$5,000,000

Funds to develop, improve and restore senior citizen recreation facilities that serve many communities in all regions of the District.

C. Urban Tree Planting

\$5,000,000

Funds to plant trees in public places for urban beautification projects.

D. Rivers, Habitat and Recreation

\$5,000,000

Funds to improve and restore natural habitat lands for wildlife enhancement or for the development of compatible recreational resources along rivers and their tributaries in the District.

E. Graffiti Prevention

\$5,000,000

Funds to improve and to increase the safety of parks and recreation facilities by removing graffiti on public facilities throughout the District.

4. At-risk Youth Facilities

\$12,000,000

Funds to build regional youth service facilities for gang prevention throughout the District.

5. County Beaches

\$30,000,000

Beaches are a significant natural resource and a vital economic resource in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County's beaches are unparalleled in the world, and are a major recreational asset to the entire region. The presence of safe, attractive and usable beaches attracts millions of users every year, encourages businesses to locate in the region and contributes to the economic viability of these businesses. Funds will be provided to acquire, develop and restore facilities to enhance beaches and public access and to improve the safety of beach facilities along sixty miles of Los Angeles County's unique coast.

6. Santa Monica Bay

\$4,000,000

Funds for capital outlay projects that reduce the toxicity of and/or pollutant load in urban runoff into the Santa Monica Bay.

b. FUNDS TO CITIES

\$279,850,000

1. Per parcel funds to all cities and unincorporated area

\$75,000,000

Each city in the District and the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County will be allocated funds based on the city's and the unincorporated area's percentage of the total number of parcels in the District. The purpose of these funds is to ensure that each community throughout the District will benefit from park and recreation facilities and park safety improvements. The governing bodies of each city will allocate these funds to improve, acquire and develop necessary park and recreation facilities in neighborhoods

within each city.

2. Specific City Projects

\$204,850,000

This category consists of regional park and recreation facilities located in cities throughout all areas of the District. Each of these projects meet the established criteria (see page 24), and the regional significance of each of the projects listed was carefully documented. A large number of these projects will protect significant natural resources or improve unique recreational facilities in the District. Many of the projects specifically benefit large regions of the District, and serve a much larger area other than the city in which they are located. These projects include:

• improvement and development of existing regional park and recreation facilities

development of new regional parks and sports facilities

- improvement of safety lighting and fencing at park and recreation facilities
- acquisition of critical natural lands, wildlife habitat and open space
- preservation of significant natural resources and coastal areas
- development of trail and greenbelt systems
- improvement of regional senior facilities

The following is a list of the city specific projects:

A. Agoura Hills: Agoura Hills Community Center

\$1,410,000

Construction of facility to provide recreational facilities for the Agoura/Calabasas/ Las Virgenes area. Located on Medfield west of Clareton.

B. Alhambra: Granada Park Swim Complex

\$1,100,000

Reconstruction of pool complex. Located in Granada Park in the southwest quadrant of the city which borders Monterey Park and East Los Angeles.

C. Avalon: Avalon Waterfront

\$2,480,000

Renovation and repair of Avalon Waterfront, including beach and public access improvements. Located on Santa Catalina Island.

D. Azusa: Slauson Park Community Pool

\$1,400,000

Development including: demolition of existing pool facilities, and construction of a new pool, bath house, multi-purpose room, staff office, pump-equipment room, decking, bleacher seating and security fences, parking facility and lighting. Located in Slauson Park, 501 N. Pasadena Ave.

E. Bell: Veterans Memorial Park

\$400,000

Renovations to existing city-owned park; improvements include: recreation facilities, upgrade of ball fields, security lighting, and picnic areas. Located in the east central section of the city.

F. Burbank: Stough Canyon

\$1,470,000

Construction of a 3,000 square foot nature center in Stough Canyon. Located in the Verdugo Hills, Stough Canyon area.

G. Calabasas: Regional Youth Baseball Facility

\$250,000

Construction of a youth baseball facility, including four baseball fields. Located

at Lupin Hill Elementary School.

H. Covina: Wingate Park

\$2,050,000

Development of existing park to include: three roller/street hockey rinks, two lighted tennis courts, gymnasium, conversion of the existing wash to a planned stream with a pond, jogging path/nature trail, picnic areas near stream, and 425 parking spaces. Located on the east side of the city.

I. Cudahy: Lugo Park Upgrade

\$1,330,000

Expansion of Lugo Park including playground renovation and additions, construction of a baseball diamond, picnic shelters, park maintenance building, and community center. Located on the border of Huntington Park.

J. Diamond Bar: Pantera Park

\$1,470,000

The proposed development of Pantera Park would include a Community Center, lighted baseball and soccer fields, outdoor hard courts, tot lot and a passive picnic area. Located at the corner of Pantera Dr. and Bowcreek Dr.

K. Downey: Downey Community-Senior Center

\$1,860,000

Design and construction of a community-senior center at Apollo Park which will provide recreation and meeting space for various senior organizations. Located in the northwest sector of the city.

L. Duarte: Duarte School Sports Facility

\$600,000

Renovation of open space areas including complete turf and irrigation renovation, replacement of perimeter fencing, landscaping, and development of two lighted baseball/softball fields which can also serve as soccer fields. Located on the 2300 block of Central Ave.

M. Gardena: Willows Wetlands Wildlife Preserve

\$850,000

Development of 10-acre natural water preserve adjacent to city park. Restoration work, fencing, trails, signage, benches, etc.

N. Glendale:
1) Freeway Park Sports Complex

Total: \$3,330,000

\$1,860,000

Development of 33 acre flat site to include three soccer fields, one Little League baseball field, one regulation size baseball field, two restrooms, one tot lot and ample parking. Located on the east side of the Glendale Freeway on the west-facing slope of the San Rafael Hills.

2) Deukmejian Wilderness Park

\$1,470,000

Improvements to trails for hikers and equestrians, corrals for day, overnight and monthly horse lodging and a horse show ring, picnic areas. 10 acres of the 702 acre park will be developed. Located in the nothern portion of the city in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

O. Glendora:

Total: \$2,070,000

1) La Fetra Senior Recreation Center

\$600,000

Construction of a 4000 square foot recreation center which will feature an Arts and Crafts room, pool room, main hall and stage, and senior facilities.

2) Wildlife Corridor

\$1,470,000

Acquisition of critical natural areas and wildlife habitat in Glendora foothills.

P. Hawthorne:

Total: \$1,500,000

1) Hawthorne Youth Camp Lodge

\$500,000

Rebuild lodge of multi-purpose camp. Located in the Angeles National Forest, Big Pines Area.

2) Eucalyptus Recreational Complex

\$1,000,000

Development of new 10,000 square foot gymnasium building with child care center and adult classroom for seniors and other improvements to existing facilities at this 10.25 acre park serving residents of Hawthorne, El Segundo, Lennox and Del Aire. Located in the Eucalyptus Recreation area on Inglewood Avenue.

Q. Hermosa Beach:

\$3,980,000

1) Hermosa Greenbelt

\$2,480,000

Acquisition of 20 acres to create a Greenbelt extending 1.9 miles which provides a cross-town trail for jogging, walking and open space enjoyment.

2) Municipal Pier Renovation Project

\$1,500,000

Improvement of pier, including increased seating, vista points, public access, and fishing areas. Located along the ocean off of Pier Avenue.

R. La Habra Heights: Hacienda Park

\$500,000

Restoration and improvement of the gymnasium building, equestrian facilities and grounds/open space area, and development of additional recreation and support facilities. Located on Hacienda Blvd. between Encanada Dr. and East Rd.

S. Lakewood:

Total: \$1,750,000

1) McCormick Pool

Renovation of 6,000 square foot of men's and women's lockers, office, pool equipment and food service area. The project also includes the upgrade of area lights and fencing, along with pool spectator and picnic areas. Located in Bolivar Park.

2) Mayfair High School Sports Complex

Development through a joint use agreement with the Bellflower Unified School District including athletic field lighting for a baseball diamond, softball diamond, tennis courts and soccer field, construction of a restroom facility, resurface of tennis courts and installation of pedestrian walkways with access for the disabled. Located at 6000 Woodruff Avenue.

T. Lancaster: Prime Desert Woodland Preserve

Acquisition and development, including installation of nature trails and signage, of approximately 75 acres designated as Prime Desert Woodland in the City of Lancaster General Plan.

U. Long Beach:

Total: \$19,660,000

1) Westside Park Acquisition

\$11,460,000

Acquisition of parkland in densely populated, underserved west area of city. \$6,200,000

2) El Dorado Regional Park

Development of ball fields, playground, jogging trail, restrooms, and parking.

3) Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

Construction of an enclosure for an existing swimming pool to provide for

	year-round aquatic activities.
4) Bel	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
v,	Development and rehabilitation of City's main fishing pier. Located at Ocean
	Blvd. and 39th Place. Total: \$97,000,000
l. Los Ang	geres:
1)	Elysian Park \$2,200,000
. •	Develop new 15-acre greenbelt, improve stream and pond and picnic areas. Located north of downtown Los Angeles.
2)	Ermosition Park \$7,000,000
2)	Replace swim and recreation facility at Exposition Park. Located south
	of downtown, near the Coliseum.
3)	Cwiffith Observatory \$18,000,000
ν,	Restore infrastructure and planetarium, improve handicapped access
	and construct education center. Located in Griffith Park, near
	Silverlake.
4)	Hansen Dam \$10,000,000
	Development of a 15-acre swim lake, lake front improvements, and
	construction of a pier and fishing area. Located in Lakeview Terrace.
5)	Harbor Walkway \$2,/00,000
- /	Develop 5 miles of walkway and viewpoints from White Point to
	Wilmington. Located in San Pedro.
6)	Housing Authority Recreation facilities \$4,700,000
ŕ	Restore sites and tot lots and build community centers at housing
	projects throughout the City of Los Angeles.
7)	\$4,700,000 Sepulveda Basin
	Restore wildlife habitat preserves and park and recreation facilities.
	Located near the intersection of the 405 and 101 freeways. 11-han Impact Parks \$12,700,000
8)	
	Redevelopment and restoration of local recreation facilities, all located
	in low-income communities throughout the City of Los Angeles. Version Roach and Pier. \$10,000,000
9)	
	Restore pier, Venice beach facilities, Ballona Lagoon, beach path and
	park along Venice beach. \$25,000,000
10)	Los Angeles Zoo Development, improvement and rehabilitation in accordance with the
	Los Angeles Zoo Master Plan as approved by the Los Angeles City
	Los Angeles Zoo Master Flair as approved by the 200 Largerto and
	Board of Recreation and Park Commission. \$1,550,000
W. Lynw	wood: Dymally Park hovations and additions to existing park, including: construction of a lighted
Rer	cer stadium, enclosed baseball diamond, outdoor mini amphitheatre, teen center,
soc	nic areas; tennis court expansion, landscaping. Located near center of the city.
** ** **	Day Cinia Contor Dork
X. Malil	bu: Civic Center Park quisition and development of park within Civic Center area, including wetlands
Acc	toration, creek side trail system improvements, and lagoon enhancement. Located
rest	OTATION, CIECK Side tran system improvements, and 1280

in the center of downtown Malibu.

Y. Manhattan Beach:

1) Parkway Park

Total: \$1,970,000

\$1,470,000

Improvement of 100 feet wide and approximately two miles long former railroad right-of-way, including installation of modern irrigation, lighting, walks and steps, jogging trail, additional trees and shrubbery. Located along the linear strip park, approximately two miles long, that transverses the city in a north-south direction between Valley Drive and Ardmore Ave.

2) Pier

\$500,000

Repairs to Pier and improvements to Oceanographic Teaching Station. Pier located at west end of Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Z. Monrovia: Monrovia Canyon Park

\$1,380,000

Improvements to handicapped accessibility of existing and proposed facilities, renovations and repair to existing trails, and development of new trails. Located in the foothills bordering the San Gabriel Mountains.

AA. Montebello: Sports Complex

\$1,470,000

Construction of swimming facility, gymnasium suitable for competition with spectator seating, senior center, and conference rooms. Located in existing park between Whittier and Olympic.

BB. Palos Verdes Estates: Coastal Access

\$1,470,000

Acquisition and improvement of land for coastal access, trails, and open space purposes.

CC. Pasadena:

Total: \$5,810,000

1) Devil's Gate

\$1,860,000

Development and restoration of 600 acres of natural area in Devils Gate including public access, trails, information center, equestrian center, playfields, landscaping. Located in between La Canada and Altadena in the northern corner of Pasadena; lies in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

2) Lower Arroyo Seco

\$1,470,000

Development and restoration of 90 acres of nature preserve in Lower Arroyo Seco, including trails, public access and facilities and replanting native habitat. Located in Pasadena just south of the Rose Bowl.

3) Senior Facility

\$2,480,000

Development of senior center in the City of Pasadena.

DD. Pico Rivera: Activity Center/Gymnasium

\$2,050,000

Development of an activity center with meeting rooms and a gymnasium in the city.

EE. Pomona: Ganesha Park

\$1,550,000

Renovations and upgrading to twenty acre developed-portion of park, including restrooms, picnic facilities, community center, parking, trails, sprinklers, swimming pool, playground, and landscaping. Located in the northwest portion of the city.

FF. Rancho Palos Verdes:

Total: \$6,820,000

1) Pt. Vicente Regional Park

\$2,480,000

Development of an amphitheatre, athletic field, trails, parking, interpretive

center, senior citizens center, paddle tennis courts, and vista point. Located on the coastline tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

2) Peninsula Natural Lands

\$4,340,000

Acquisition and preservation of significant natural lands and wildlife habitat in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

GG. Redondo Beach: Redondo Beach Pier and Harbor

\$3,220,000

Reconstruction of Redondo Beach Pier; improvements to regional bikeway system; development of Moonstone Park, including construction of a community building, public restrooms, and canoe launching facility; and renovation of Seaside Lagoon. Located in the Pier and King Harbor Recreation Area.

HH. Rolling Hills Estates: Wildlife Habitat

\$1,470,000

Acquisition of wildlife habitat, natural lands and critical open space lands in the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

II. Rosemead: Senior Citizen Recreation Center

\$1,470,000

Development of senior recreation facility on 4.5 acres in the city.

JJ. San Dimas: Horsethief Canyon Park

\$1,100,000

Improvements to equestrian center and trail connection which provides trail users access to the Angeles National Forest; construction of access road, parking and staging area in 110-acre park. Located north of Foothill Blvd. and west of Sycamore Canyon Road.

KK. San Gabriel:

Total: \$100,000

1) Smith Park Pool

\$30,000

Restoration of pool. Located in Smith Park at 232 West Broadway.

2) Jefferson Gymnasium

\$70,000

Renovation of gymnasium. Located at Jefferson Intermediate School.

LL. Santa Clarita: Santa Clara River

\$2,480,000

Acquisition and construction of a 13-mile multi-purpose regional trail for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. Acquisition of major segments of the Santa Clara River and adjacent riparian and wetland areas.

MM. Santa Monica:

Total: \$4,960,000

1) Santa Monica Beaches

\$1,860,000

Improvement of the Santa Monica State Beach (three miles), including public access, recreation and public facilities, parking. Three miles along Pacific Coast from Barnard Way and Neilson Way to Entrada Drive at Santa Monica Canyon.

2) Palisades Park

\$3,100,000

Improvements to Palisades Park from Santa Monica Pier to the end of the Park at the northern City limit. Includes complete overhaul of park, replace lighting, install new irrigation to reduce bluff erosion, new restrooms, pathways, entries and landscaping. Total of 24.4 acres. Located on top of coastal bluffs in Santa Monica.

NN. Sierra Madre: Sierra Madre Hills

\$3,100,000

Acquisition of approximately 350 acres of natural lands to preserve critical wildlife habitat, trails and scenic viewpoints.

OO. South Gate: Senior Recreation Building

\$900,000

Construction of a building adjacent to the current Senior Citizens Clubhouse with meeting rooms and development of a patio between the two sites. Located at 4855 Tweedy Blvd.

PP. Torrance:

Total: \$3,360,000

1) Madrona Marsh Nature Preserve

\$1,500,000

Restoration and enhancement of the Madrona Marsh Nature Preserve and development of the Natural History Center.

2) Charles H. Wilson Regional Park

\$1,860,000

Construction of gym, weight room, lockers and showers, offices, multi-purpose room and swim complex. Located halfway between Sepulveda Blvd. and Carson Street along Crenshaw Blvd.

OO. Whittier: Whittier Hills Wilderness Park

\$9,300,000

Acquisition and some development of natural lands and wildlife habitat for a wilderness park contiguous to the existing Whittier Wilderness Park area (Hellman Park). Developments will include trail head facilities, interpretive center, trail development, public access, handicapped access and picnic facilities. Bounded on the west by Hacienda Heights, on the south by the Rose Hills Cemetery and on the north by hillside lands.

c. SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

\$40,000,000

Mountains and Canyons

Los Angeles County's mountain and canyon areas are a significant and unique natural resource, and provide a wide range of easily accessible recreation opportunities to the entire District. Mountain ranges and their canyons and streams traverse the entire District. The Santa Monica Mountains cover 230 square miles from the western boundary of the county to downtown Los Angeles; the Simi and San Rafael Hills and the Santa Susana and Verdugo Mountains encircle the entire San Fernando Valley; the Santa Susanas also border the greater Santa Clarita area and the Verdugos mark the boundary of the Antelope Valley. The San Gabriel Mountains and their foothills border the entire San Gabriel Valley and provide ready access into one of the steepest and geologically unique areas in the world.

Preservation of the county's mountains and the canyons they contain helps to protect air and water quality throughout the District, and protects irreplaceable wildlife, natural and open space resources that are essential to the quality of life for the entire District. Funds will be provided to acquire mountain and canyon lands, streams, wildlife habitat, trails and scenic areas, and to develop parks, trails, public access, senior facilities and camps for at-risk youth in mountain and canyon areas throughout the District.

The following funds would include at least \$4,000,000 for the Santa Clarita Woodlands; at least \$1,000,000 for restoration of wild trout habitat; \$3,000,000 for acquisition of land and development of facilities for at-risk youth and gang prevention; and \$7,000,000 for preservation of park and open space lands in the Whittier Hills.

Within City of Los Angeles 1.

35%

Outside City of Los Angeles 2.

65%

d. EXPOSITION PARK

\$17,000,000

Development of ballfields, walkways, open space and park facilities; improvements to security lighting, landscaping and public access; tree-planting; acquisition of additional

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IV. COST ESTIMATE

A summary of the acquisition, improvement, administration and bond issuance costs follow.

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT COSTS

Improvements:

a. County of Los Angeles 1. County Parks & Recreation, Discretionary	\$5,000,000
2. County Specific Projects3. Countywide Competitive Funds	\$127,150,000 \$25,000,000
4. At-risk Youth Facilities	\$12,000,000
5. County Beaches	\$30,000,000
6. Santa Monica Bay	\$4,000,000
 b. Funds to Cities 1. Per parcel funds to all cities and unincorporated area of county 2. City Specific Projects 	\$75,000,000 \$204,850,000
c. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	\$40,000,000
d. Exposition Park	\$17,000,000
Total Improvements	\$540,000,000

*Bond Amount and Related Costs:

Estimated Bond Issuance Costs

Construction and Acquisition Additional Financing Costs Capitalized Interest Reserve Fund Underwriters Discount (0.85%)	\$450,313,200 \$400,000 0 \$45,254,930 \$4,251,870
Bond Amount	\$500,220,000
Pay As You Go Amount	000 000 002

Annual Assessment:

Estimated Annual Debt Service	\$42,300,000
Annual Amount of Assessment	\$48,000,000

^{*} These figures assume four bond financings over a four year period and a 12% annual operations and maintenance set-aside.

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V. RATE AND METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

General

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 provides that assessments may be apportioned by any formula or method which fairly distributes the assessment among all assessable lots or parcels in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each lot or parcel from the improvements.

Benefit to Property from Park and Recreation Facilities

Studies in a number of communities, including counties and cities throughout the United States, have indicated that recreation areas and facilities, if well maintained and wisely administered, have caused a marked increase in property values of parcels in the community. Consequently, such recreation and park facilities have proved a potent factor in maintaining a sound economic condition and a high standard of livability in the community. These studies confirm the opinion long held by planning authorities as to the economic value of open space in a community.

"The recreation value is realized as a rise in the value of land and other property in or near the recreation area, is of both private interest to the landowner and others holding an economic stake in the area, and of public interest to the taxpayers, who have a stake in a maximum of total assessed values." (National Recreation and Park Association, June 1985)

The benefit of parks and other recreational facilities to residential and commercial/industrial properties has been summarized by a number of studies. The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, in a publication of June 1984, concluded that:

- * "Parks and recreation stimulate business and generate tax revenues."
- *" Parks and recreation create direct and indirect job opportunities."
- * "Parks and recreation help conserve land, energy, and resources."
- * "An investment in parks and recreation helps reduce pollution and noise, makes communities more livable, and increases property values."
- * "Public recreation benefits all employers by providing continuing opportunities to maintain a level of fitness throughout one's working life, and through helping individuals cope with the stress of a fast-paced and demanding life."

In addition, a publication of the National Recreation and Parks Association states: "Industry is demanding recreation services" and in exploring site selection is increasingly taking into account "... the educational and recreational opportunities..." available.

Property values in a community are increased when public infrastructure such as parks, open space, and recreation facilities are in place, improved, operable, safe, clean and maintained. Facilities that are unsafe or destroyed by the elements or vandalism decrease surrounding property values. Park and recreation facilities are less likely to attract crime if they are well lit, clean and maintained. Clean and safe parks increase public safety, help to reduce crime and enhance the overall quality of life and desirability of an area. Property values in an area also increase when there is an increase in the number of parks, recreation centers, trail systems, sports facilities and open space areas. Conversely, property values decrease when park and recreation facilities are in disrepair, old, unsafe, unclean and unusable.

Benefit to property in the District from the Improvements

Assessment law provides that benefit must be related to the land since it is the land which must bear the assessment. The park, open space and recreational improvements proposed for the District (see Section III) will specifically benefit the properties to be assessed by increasing the property value of each parcel in one or more of the following respects:

- 1) Increased economic value of improved property due to increased capacity to draw business, homebuyers, tourists and others to the District;
- 2) Expanded employment opportunities and increased economic activity due to increased capacity to attract business;
- 3) Increased economic health of the region due to stimulation and generation of additional tax revenues;
- 4) Increased attractiveness of the District for development or redevelopment as a result of the preservation of mountains, foothills and canyons, and increased public access to these lands;
- 5) Improved environmental quality by protecting, restoring and improving the District's irreplaceable beaches, wildlife, park, mountains and open space lands, and improved public access to these lands;
- 6) Improved air and water quality, capacity of roads, transportation and other public infrastructure systems as a result of more evenly dispersing recreational facilities throughout the District;
- 7) Increased attractiveness of the District as a place to work and live;
- 8) Improved recreational opportunities and expanded access to recreational facilities for all properties within the District, through improvements such as beaches, parks, trails and other public recreational facilities;
- 9) Increased safety and usability of park and recreational facilities and a corresponding decrease in crime throughout the District.

The improvements to be funded by the District are acquisition, development, improvement and restoration projects for park, recreation, beach and open space purposes. These improvement

projects include: regional facilities which benefit the entire District; regional facilities which benefit large areas of the District; and neighborhood facilities which benefit smaller, local areas of the District. The improvements are distributed between these different categories of regional use to ensure that all areas of the District will benefit; funds for improvements are also distributed throughout all geographic areas of the District, and between all of the cities and the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

Specific criteria were established to identify regional park and recreation projects throughout Los Angeles County which would benefit all areas of the proposed District. Each specific project was required to be environmentally sound, regionally significant and strongly supported; each project also had to show documentation of regional significance and regional use. The regional significance of each project was required to be documented through:

- evidence that the project is a significant natural resource;
- letters or studies documenting the regional use of the proposed project by surrounding communities;
- evidence that the project is or will be made available or advertised on a regional basis; and
- evidence that the project is the only one of its kind in the surrounding region.

Meetings were conducted with over seventy cities in the proposed District and with County departments during the summer of 1991 to identify regional park, recreation and open space projects. All of the specific improvements listed in Section III of this Report meet the established criteria, and hundreds of letters were received documenting the regional significance of the specific improvement projects located within cities.

Regional projects, by their definition, are of area-wide benefit; therefore, the regional facilities in Los Angeles County cumulatively benefit all properties within the District. As described above, the local projects are distributed throughout the proposed District and are of regional significance. The acquisition, improvement, and restoration of both local and regional parks, beaches and open space lands and recreation facilities are distributed throughout the proposed District and therefore are of direct and specific benefit to all parcels within the District. All

areas benefit equally from the proposed improvements with benefit to parcels varying with their land use.

Benefit Points

To establish the benefit to the individual parcels with their varying land uses a benefit point system is used. Each land parcel and each improvement on a land parcel is assigned benefit points in proportion to the benefit the land and the improvements (as reflected in land use) receive. The total number of points are then divided into the annual revenue requirement necessary to fund the proposed improvements to determine the value of benefit for each point. Since the number of benefit points for each parcel has been established, the benefit obligation for each parcel is established and thus the amount of assessment for each parcel is established.

Land Value Benefit

In order to fairly allocate benefit from the proposed improvements to parcels throughout the District, it is necessary to address the benefits to land and to land use. The benefit received by land varies as land varies in size. It is our finding that larger parcels benefit more than smaller parcels. To use the benefit point system, it is necessary to establish separately the benefit for each of the two elements, land value and improved value. To facilitate this procedure, the median single-family home is used as a standard to which all other properties are related. The median single-family home in Los Angeles County is located on a lot of approximately 1/7 of an acre in area with the relative valuation between the home and the lot being 75% and 25% respectively. This relative valuation is based upon the opinion of professional appraisers, appraising current market property values for real estate in Southern California. The land value portion typically ranges from 20 to 30 percent; for this report we are using approximately 25 percent. This evaluation is based upon current market values, not on assessed values which are skewed by the impact of Proposition 13.

The lot, therefore, has 1/3 the value of the improvement (.25 \div .75). Assigning one benefit point to a house as the standard and using the 1/3 ratio, the lot would then represent 1/3 benefit

point, see the discussion on "Land Use (Improvement) Benefits" below where one benefit point is assigned to a single-family house. As stated above, the median single-family home is located on a lot of approximately 1/7 of an acre; therefore, the median density for single-family residential property in Los Angeles County is 7 units per acre, thus the benefit point for the typical acre occupied by single-family homes would be 7 x 1/3, or 2.33 benefit points per acre. This 2.33 benefit points per acre is used as the basis for assessing the land value benefit to all assessable parcels within the District.

Land Use (Improvement) Benefit

That portion of the benefit that inures to land use or improvement value will, of course, vary with the type of land use. This benefit for land use is condensed and segregated into three categories below, and each category is assigned portions of a benefit point (BP) relative to the percentage of improvement value it provides (see discussion under "Benefit to Property from Park and Recreation Facilities" above).

- 1) Economic Value: The increase to improved property value due to increased economic activity and health, expanded employment opportunities and increased capacity to draw business, home buyers, renters, tourists, etc., to the District.

 .50 BP
- 2) Environmental Quality: The increase to improved property value due to the improved quality of air, water, visual aesthetics, attractiveness of the District as a place to live and work, etc.
 .25 BP

Benefits to land uses vary; therefore, the above factors have been assigned to each land use classification as shown in Table 1.

Single-Family Residence

A single-family residence receives all three of the above benefits, therefore 1.0 BP is assigned to each single-family residence. The land upon which the home is located receives a separate benefit which is 2.33 times the acreage of the lot upon which the home is situated. The benefit to a typical single-family residence is the summation of these two, i.e., one plus 2.33 times the area of the parcel in acres.

To assess land use benefit equitably, it is necessary to relate the different parcel classifications to each other. Using one benefit point for a single-family residential unit, all other uses are related to this.

Multiple-Residential and Mobile Home

Multiple-residential and mobile home land use equivalences are reduced by multiplying the number of home units on each parcel by .75 and .5, respectively, due to the relative population density of these types of dwelling units compared to the typical density of single-family units. Studies have consistently shown that an apartment unit impacts infrastructure approximately 75% as much as a single family residence, and mobile homes impact infrastructure approximately 50% (Sources: Institute of Transportation Engineers Informational Report Trip Generation, Fifth Edition, 1991; Metcalf and Eddy, Wastewater Engineering Treatment Disposal Reuse, Third Edition, 1991). The reduced impact on park and recreational facility use by residents of multiple-residential and mobile homes results in a lesser enhancement per unit to property values. Therefore, the Economic Value, Environmental Quality, and Recreation Enhancement benefit points for multiple-residential and mobile homes have been uniformly reduced to 75% and 50%, respectively. (See Table 1)

The benefit points assigned to a multiple-residential or a mobile home parcel for the Land Use (Improvement Value) portion of the assessment are calculated based on the number of house units and the appropriate benefit point per house unit. The benefit points for multi-residential (.75) are multiplied by the number of dwelling units on the parcel to determine the total Land Use (Improvement Value) benefit points for the parcel. The total Land Use (Improvement Value) benefit points for a mobile home parcel is calculated by multiplying the benefit point per

home unit (.50) by the number of units on the parcel. The benefit points for the land value portion of the assessment are calculated by multiplying the land area in acres by 2.33 benefit points per acre. These two amounts are then added together to obtain the total number of benefit points for the parcel.

Commercial/Industrial - Other

For determining the land use benefit points to be assigned for properties in commercial/industrial use, these properties are first related to the basic single-family unit. The median home in the District has a lot size of approximately 1/7 of an acre, therefore the typical single-family residential density is seven dwelling units per acre. All properties that are developed for commercial/industrial are thus assigned seven benefit points per acre for the land use portion of the parcel. Each land use category of commercial/industrial property is then evaluated as to whether or not the three components of the land use benefit point (i.e., Economic Value, Environmental Quality and Recreation Enhancement) applies to the particular land use category.

Commercial/industrial properties that have been found to receive the same benefits as residential properties from increased economic activity and health, expanded employment opportunities and increased capacity to attract business as residential properties receive .50 BP for Economic Value, as do residential properties. Certain commercial/industrial properties, such as warehouses, storage facilities and mineral processing, mining and petroleum facilities, receive no economic benefit because these properties are not affected in any way by park and recreation improvements. All commercial/industrial properties benefit from increased environmental quality as a result of the improvements; therefore, all commercial/industrial properties are assigned a factor of .25 BP for Environmental Quality. Those properties which are used by or which serve people are benefitted by improved and increased park and recreational facilities; these properties are assigned a factor of .25 BP for Recreational Enhancement. (See Table 1)

The assignment of these various benefit points are set forth in Table 1.

Additionally, a higher level of use for a commercial/industrial property is identified when an improvement has multiple stories or occupies a greater percentage of the parcel than that which is the norm. To account for this, the benefit points for the property use is multiplied by a number which is proportional to the intensity of the structures and improvements contained on the property.

The typical coverage of a commercial/industrial parcel with a structure is 33%. Using this as the standard, the square footage of an improvement on a parcel, as this value is set forth in the Los Angeles County Assessor's records, is divided by one-third of the area of the parcel in square feet. The number then becomes proportional to the intensity of development on the parcel and represents an equivalent number of stories that may be found on a parcel. For the purpose of identifying this factor, it is set forth as "equivalent stories" in the benefit point equation. A minimum of one "equivalent story" will be applied to any improved commercial/industrial property.

Vacant Property

Vacant property has no Land Use Benefits associated with it. Even if a vacant parcel is designated as commercial/industrial or residential, it receives no additional benefits because of its designation as there are no improvements constructed upon it; therefore, vacant property receives only a Land Value Benefit of 2.33 benefit points per acre.

Exempt Properties

Several land uses have been determined to be exempt from the assessment because they either do not benefit from the proposed improvements or they have restricted uses that would not be in the public interest to acquire in the event of foreclosure. Examples are common areas, open spaces, green belts, sliver parcels, etc. Also exempt are public properties, all lands designated as agricultural, lands that have physical or legal restrictions preventing development thereon, and that portion of vacant parcels in excess of five acres. Also exempt is that portion of any partially improved single parcel that is in excess of five acres of which no use is being made. Such parcels that are partially improved will often appear on the Assessor's roll as improved.

Those parcels that are found to be so classified after field review will have their assessments revised per this report. This is because vacant land greater than five acres functionally serves as open space.

Modifications

It is recognized, that when dealing with the millions of parcels that will be part of this assessment district, using the secondary information on the Los Angeles County Assessor's tapes as the primary source for the assessment formula may lead to some errors and some circumstances that do not precisely fit the intent of this program.

Where such circumstances are discovered, either by the persons administrating this program, or by the owners of the properties affected, such circumstances shall be reported to a committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The function and the authority of the committee will be to recommend such corrections or adjustments with such proposed changes being consistent with the concept, intent and parameters of the programs set forth herein. Unless such proposed changes are appealed to the Board of Supervisors, they will be incorporated into the Assessment Roll.

Individual Assessments

In accordance with Section 22572 of the Streets and Highways Code, the net amount of the assessment to each parcel as shown on the county assessment roll will be computed in the following steps:

- 1. Classify each parcel by land use as shown on the County of Los Angeles Assessor's Roll.
- 2. Assign benefit points (BPs) to each parcel based on the following formulas:

Residential BPs

- = Improvement Value BPs + Land Value BPs
- (Econ Val BP + Envir Qual BP + Recr Enh BP) * No. Units + (2.33 BPs/acre)

* Parcel Acreage

The following are examples of residential assessments:

Median SFR (1 home on 1/7 acre) BPs

- = [(.5 + .25 + .25)] BP/unit * 1 home] + (2.33 * 1/7] ac) BPs
- = 1 Improvement Value BP + 0.3329 Land Value BP
- = 1.3329 BPs

SFR (1 home on 1/4 acre) BPs

- = [(.5 + .25 + .25)] BP/Unit * 1 home] + (2.33] BP/acre * $\frac{1}{4}$ ac)
- = 1 Improvement Value BP + 0.5825 Land Value BP
- = 1.5825 BPs

MF (25 units on 1/3 acre) BPs

- = [(.375 + .1875 + .1875)] BP/unit * 25 MF units] + (2.33] BP/acre * $\frac{1}{3}$ ac)
- = 18.75 Improvement Value BPs + .7777 Land Value BP
- = 19.5277 BPs

Mobile Homes (100 units on 1/2 acre) BPs

- = [(.25 + .125 + .125)] BP/unit * 100 homes + (2.33] BP/ac * $\frac{1}{2}$ acre)
- = 50 Improvement Value BPs + 1.165 Land Value BPs
- = 51.165 BPs

Commercial BPs

- = Improvement Value BPs + Land Value BPs
- = [(Econ Val BP + Envir Qual BP + Recr Enh BP)/acre * 7BP * Parcel Acreage * No. Equivalent Stories(1)] + [(2.33 BPs/acre) * Parcel Acreage]
- (1) No. Equivalent Stories is the number of stories measured by dividing the parcels' improved square feet by one-third of the parcel area (Improved Square Feet/ 1/3 x Parcel Square Feet).

The following are examples of varying commercial or industrial assessment calculations:

Office (3 stories, 1/2 acre) BPs

- = [(.5 + .25 + .25)] BP/acre * 3 stories * 7 BP/ac * $\frac{1}{2}$ ac] + (2.33] BP/ac * $\frac{1}{2}$ ac)
- = 10.5 Improvement Value BPs + 1.1650 Land Value BPs
- = 11.6650 BPs

Parking Lot (1 acre) BPs

- = [(0 + .25 + 0)] BP/ac * 1 story * 7 BP/ac * 1 ac] + (2.33 BP/ac * 1 ac)
- = 1.75 Improvement Value BPs + 2.33 Land Value BPs
- = 4.08 BPs

Vacant Land

- = Improvement Value BPs + Land Value BPs
- = (Zero Improvement Value BPs + (2.33 BPs/acre) * Parcel Acreage

An example of a vacant parcel's assessment computation follows:

Vacant Land (10 Acres) BPs

- = 0 BP + (2.33 BP/Acre * 10 ac)
- = 0 Improvement Value BPs+ 23.3 Land Value BPs
- = 23.3000 BPs
- Divide the annual amount to collect by the sum of all benefit points to determine the assessment per benefit point. The annual assessment per benefit point will not exceed \$9.39 per year. Using \$9.39 per benefit point, a median single-family residence would have an annual assessment of \$12.52 (1.3329 benefit points times \$9.39 = \$12.52).

The amount of annual installments for the fiscal year if the county orders the assessment to be collected in annual installments shall be calcualted as provided above.

The total assessment to be levied on each parcel shall be the annual assessment per parcel times the number of years over which the assessment will be levied. The annual assessment for each parcel shall remain in effect unless and until the property is reclassified into another land use category, at which time the assessment for that parcel will be recalculated.

Concincion

In conclusion, it is our opinion that the assessments for County of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 22-1 have been apportioned in direct accordance with the benefits that each parcel receives from the improvements.

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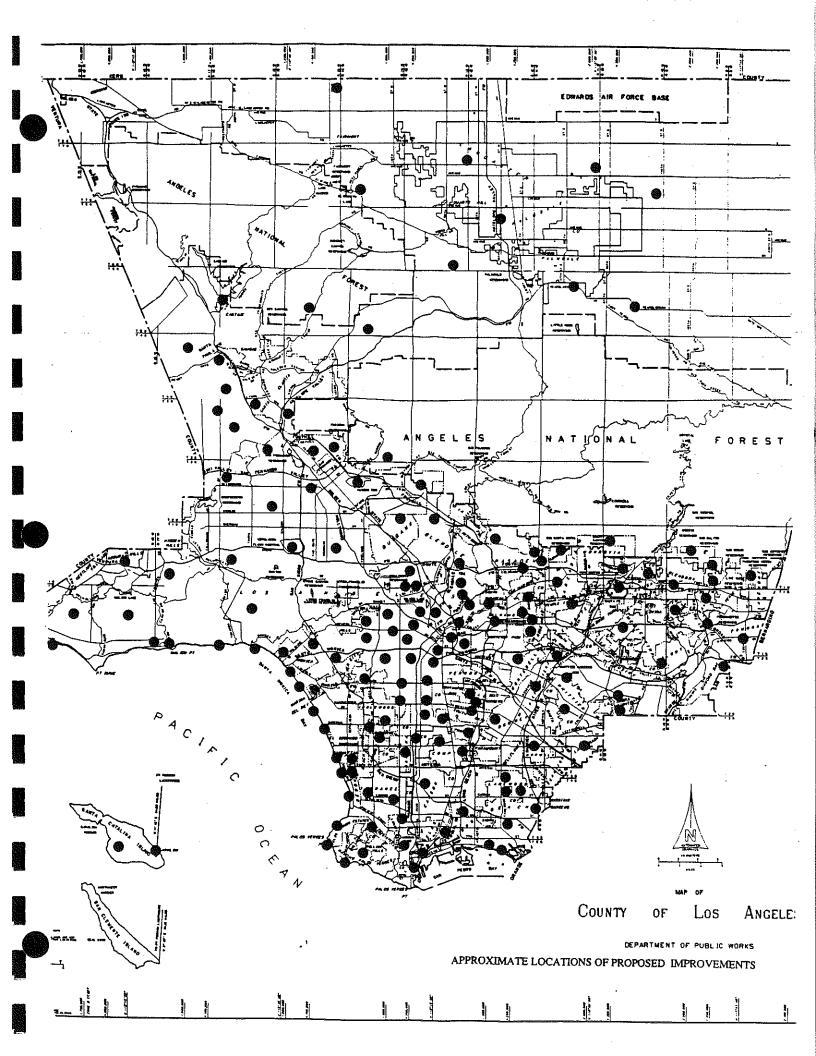
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TABLE 1

County of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 92-1

Improvement Value Benefit Points

County Use Code	Land Use	Eco- nomic	Environ- mental	Recre- ation	Total Benefit
01	Single Family Residential (1 DU = 1 BP)	0.5000	0.2500	0.2500	1.00
02-06	Multi-family residential (1 DU = .75 BP)	0.3750	0.1875	0.1875	0.75
07,09	Mobile Homes (1 DU = .5 BP)	0.2500	0.1250	0.1250	0.50
	Commercial/Industrial				
	(1 Acre = (Econ Val + Envir Qual + Re	c Enh) x 7 BP	x No. of Eq	ıuivalent S	tories)
17	Office Buildings	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00
18	Hotel/Motel	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00
08	Rooming Houses	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00
19	Professional Buildings	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00
64	Clubs, Lodge Halls, and				
04	Fraternal Organizations	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00
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10,11,14–16	Centers	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.75
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12	Store Combos	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.75
13 1	Department Stores	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.75
20-26	Restaurants, Sales, Service	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.75
30-32,34-36		0.50	0.25	0.00	0.75
61-63	Theaters, Bowling Alleys	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.50
70-73	Private Schools and Churches		0.25	0.25	0.50
74-76	Hospitals, Home for the aged	0.00			0.25
27,38	Parking Lots	0.00	0.25	0.00	
28	Animal Kennels	0.00	0.25	0.00	
29	Nurseries	0.00	0.25		0.25
33,39	Warehousing, Storage	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25
37,78,80	Mineral Processing, Mining,				2.55
82,83	Petroleum	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25
60,65-69	Misc. Recreational Facilities	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25
	Vacant Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	Exempt Property	ad value)			
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40-59	Agricultural	0.00		0.00	
77	Cemetaries		•	0.00	
81,84-89	Misc. and Utilities	0.00	0.00	,0.00	0.00



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